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Coronavirus(COVID-19) Update

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We understand your concern regarding the current outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19), but please be assured that the wellbeing and continued education of your child is our main priority. The situation is monitored closely each day by following regular advice and updates from NSW Health and Educational Authorities.

Presently, all scheduled College activities, including sporting events and excursions will continue as planned until we are advised otherwise. In the event the College is instructed to close, learning will continue to be delivered for all students through parent email or our online learning management systems of Moodle, Microsoft Teams or Microsoft OneNote.

PERSONAL HYGIENE EMPHASIS

Whilst we have had no reports of students from MCHF being exposed to Coronavirus (COVID-19), it is important that we all exercise caution and abide by the basic hygiene measures as released by the World Health Organisation. Some simple guidelines for risk minimisation of infection include:

1. Wash your hands frequently

Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water. This will kill any viruses that may be on your hands.

2. Maintain social distancing

Maintain at least 1 metre distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing. When someone coughs or sneezes they spray small liquid droplets from their nose or mouth which may contain viruses. If you are too close, you can breathe in the droplets of the Coronavirus if the person coughing has the disease.

3. Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth

Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth. From there, the virus can enter your body and infect you.

4. Practise respiratory hygiene

Make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene to ensure protection from any virus. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze.

ATTENDANCE

1. Keep your child at home if they are ill and seek medical advice if they present with flu like symptoms.
2. Collect your child immediately upon notification that your child has taken ill during the day.
3. Seek medical advice if you have had any contact with a person who has been diagnosed with Coronavirus (COVID-19) and keep your child at home until a **medical clearance certificate** has been issued.
4. Contact the College immediately, via phone or email, should your child or another family member be diagnosed with Coronavirus(COVID-19). A **medical clearance certificate** will be required upon return to the College.

Further information and updates can be found on the following websites:

1. NSW Health <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au>
2. Department of Health <https://www.health.gov.au/>
3. World Health Organization <https://www.who.int/ith/en/>
4. The Australian Government Coronavirus Health Information Line contact number is 1800 020 080.

In God's Love,

Sr Irene Boughosn
College Principal