



CATHEDRAL COLLEGE WANGARATTA

A school of The Anglican Schools Commission (Inc.)

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Coronavirus Update

On Sunday the Australian Government announced new measures to protect the Australian community in its response to the COVID-19 virus. All Anglican Schools Commission (ASC) schools will be implementing these requirements immediately.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ISOLATION

This includes the requirement that **all individuals arriving in Australia from an international destination must self-isolate for 14 days**. This means that from today, if you and your child/ren have returned from overseas, your child/ren will be unable to attend school for 14 days.

You will also be required to self-isolate for 14 days if you have had close contact with a known positive case of COVID-19.

The Victorian State Government has declared a State of Emergency. Both Federal and State Governments are strongly advising the public to reconsider any non-essential overseas travel.

If a student or staff member is unwell, they must remain at home and not attend school. If a member of your family is unwell and is suspected of having COVID-19, please keep your child/ren at home until test results have returned as negative. **Please immediately notify the School if your child or a family member living in the same house is being tested for COVID-19.**

If your child/ren is unable to attend school due to self-isolation, please email your child's Homeroom teacher for materials that will allow them to study from home during this time.

OTHER MEASURES IN SCHOOLS

The Federal Government has also recommended social distancing measures which prevent non-essential static gatherings of 500 people or more.

This does not apply to schools at this stage and students are expected to attend as usual unless they are unwell.

However, there are some changes to the usual operation of our schools. These include:

- No assemblies or large gatherings;
- The cancellation of camps from today (students already on camp will continue as planned);
- Maintaining social distancing in classrooms where possible;
- Cancellation or postponement of sports carnivals or similar large events;
- Cancellation of performances where the number of students is too great for social distancing;
- Cancellation or postponement of all large school gatherings and events on or off campus, such as fetes; and
- Segregating students during recess and lunch breaks to ensure that there are no large gatherings of students in the same area at any one time.

Each school will determine the appropriate numbers in relation to any gathering beyond a normal class of students. However, the ASC has stipulated that, in general, there should be no gatherings beyond the equivalent size of a full secondary school year level in the one enclosed space for the foreseeable future. There will be exceptions where appropriate social distancing can be achieved.

SCHOOL CLOSURES

At this point in time, schools have been advised to continue operating with the additional safety measures outlined in this letter. Please be assured that should there be a Government directive for school closure, that we are making arrangements to ensure the continuation of learning for students. Should this occur, parents will be advised of a school closure through communication sent via email and the school App

We will continue to update you as the COVID-19 situation evolves.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'N. Jones', written over a faint circular stamp.

Nick Jones
Principal