



*From the Principal*

12 March 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians

## **IMPORTANT UPDATES**

### Willow Griffiths

I have been informed that Willow Griffiths, our Year 12 student who was involved in a serious accident (6 February) has woken from the Induced Coma she has been in. This is wonderful news, however Willow and her family have a long journey ahead in her recovery.

Please continue to keep Willow and her family in your thoughts and prayers as she begins her rehabilitation program. This will be a long process with challenges, but will assist towards Willow's recovery.

### 35 Year Carnival

This weekend we celebrate 35 years of Catholic Secondary Coeducation at Nazareth College Noble Park North.

Many months of planning have been devoted in the organisation of this Celebratory Carnival. This is my last opportunity to remind you that the Opening of this celebration will commence at 11.00am Saturday 14 March. There will be many food stalls, novelty stalls, Bric a Brac, amusements and rides. It will be a wonderful Community celebration. I encourage you to come and enjoy the festivities with your family and friends.

### Coronavirus (COVID-19)


As the impact of COVID-19 continues to grow, we continue to implement measures in line with the Australian Government, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), together with advice/updates from the Commonwealth and State Chief Health Officers.

At the moment there are no reported, or known, infections at the College. We will continue to practice and encourage good hygiene practices, encourage students and staff members that are showing symptoms or not feeling well, to remain at home during their recovery and seek medical advice. We will continue to monitor all staff members and students to ensure we protect the safety of everyone.

Please peruse the following detailed table on Symptoms of COVID-19, Cold and Flu.



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Symptoms	Coronavirus <small>Symptoms range from mild to severe</small>	Cold <small>Gradual onset of symptoms</small>	Flu <small>Abrupt onset of symptoms</small>
 Fever	Common	Rare	Common
 Fatigue	Sometimes	Sometimes	Common
 Cough	Common* (usually dry)	Mild	Common* (usually dry)
 Sneezing	No	Common	No
 Aches and pains	Sometimes	Common	Common
 Runny or stuffy nose	Rare	Common	Sometimes
 Sore throat	Sometimes	Common	Sometimes
 Diarrhea	Rare	No	Sometimes for children
 Headaches	Sometimes	Rare	Common
 Shortness of breath	Sometimes	No	No

Sources: World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



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The following protocols have been implemented and will be adhered to:

- Staff and students cannot attend school for fourteen (14) days from the time they have:
  - Left or transited through mainland China;
  - Have been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19;
  - Left or transited through Iran on or after 1 March 2020;
  - Left or transited through Republic of Korea (South Korea) on or after 5 March 2020;
  - All Australian citizens or permanent residents arriving from Italy are required to self-isolate for fourteen (14) days as from 11 March 2020;
  - Visitors from Italy are required to be isolated for fourteen (14 days) as directed by the Australian Authorities.

We anticipate that this list of countries will increase over the coming weeks and months. As information is continually being updated please check the following links:

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>  
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

With the Term 1 break not too far away, any families or staff members intending to travel to any of the above destinations listed (or any that are added in time), will be required to self-isolate for fourteen (14) days on return into Australia. On return from any of the listed destinations, students or staff members will be required to supply a medical certificate declaring them symptom free of COVID-19.

For any families intending to travel overseas over the Term 1 break we request that you inform the College via your child's Pastoral Teacher.

As mentioned earlier, it is anticipated that listed countries will increase over the coming weeks and the same regulations will apply to these countries as outlined above by the Australian Government.

I thank you for the anticipated cooperation with this matter as it is imperative for the wellbeing and safety of all.

### Current Arrangements at the College:

- The College will continue to focus on personal hygiene. We have numerous hygiene stations distributed around the College;
- The College has a clear plan in place if students/staff members present with flu like symptoms or any other identifiable COVID-19 criteria;
- The College is examining online teaching and learning platforms enabling students to work from home for periods of time in the event of a school closure;
- As of Monday 16 March 2020 many events where large groups of people will gather will be postponed or cancelled to minimise risk;
- Overseas travel and/or exchange visits have been cancelled or postponed;
- Outdoor Education camps and excursions will be reviewed and assessed and a decision made on if they will take place or be postponed.



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I will continue to provide updates over the coming weeks and thank each of you for your full cooperation.

Please feel free to contact the Principal's office on 9795 8100 or email [principal@nazareth.vic.edu.au](mailto:principal@nazareth.vic.edu.au) should you have any concerns or further questions.

Kind regards

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