



From the Principal

29 January 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians

As you are aware, students return to school this week. With the recent coronavirus outbreak in China, we would like to provide you with an update on what steps Nazareth College is taking with regard to the safety of students and staff.

The Australian Government has advised that there is no cause for alarm with respect to the coronavirus and that the risk to the Australian public remains relatively low.

We remind parents and students that everyone can protect against infections by practising good hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene. Cover your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing with a tissue, or cough into your elbow, dispose of the tissue into a bin and then wash your hands afterwards. Wash your hands regularly, after using the toilet and before eating.

Exclusion of children who are well or staff from school who have travelled to Wuhan, China, or any other areas where there have been reported cases, is **NOT** required, unless the following applies:

- the person is a confirmed case of novel coronavirus; or
- the person has been in close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus in the past 14 days.

For staff and students who experience flu-like symptoms **AND** have recently travelled to Wuhan, Hubei province, or had close contact with a confirmed case:

- seek medical advice for any staff or students in your care who experience fever and respiratory symptoms (including but not limited to cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, body aches or fatigue) **AND** have recently travelled to Wuhan or had close contact with a confirmed case in the 14 days before the onset of illness - call ahead to notify the medical practitioner of recent travel; and
- contact the Department of Health and Human Services on 1300 651 160 and inform your [Diocesan Emergency Management Officer](#).

If you have any further queries please contact our First Aid Officer, Mr Paull Ziegeler on 9795 8100.

Regards

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PRINCIPAL