



Tuesday 10 March 2020

Dear Families

We pray that the learning journey for your son or daughter has been productive so far this year, and they have enjoyed the opportunity to explore new concepts, expand their friendships and develop their character. This letter provides an update for our College community on the Coronavirus.

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

As a College community, we have been closely monitoring developments related to the spread of the Coronavirus. With recent announcements of school closures in NSW and Victoria, Redlands College has now activated the next stage of our emergency preparation procedures. The health and safety of staff, students and parents is of primary importance for our College, and we are making preparations to minimise the spread of any potential outbreak, as well as to prepare for any possible closure of the College related to an outbreak of the Coronavirus.

Novel coronavirus is transmitted from person to person, usually when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Accordingly, the following actions are encouraged within our community, to minimise the spread of any virus:

- Regular handwashing with soap and water, or alcohol-based hand rubs
- Covering your nose and mouth with a tissue or flexed elbow when coughing or sneezing
- Avoiding contact with anyone who has symptoms such as fever, a cough, sore throat, fatigue, and shortness of breath.
- Staying home if you are unwell.

Parents are encouraged to access regular [Queensland Health Updates](#) on the Coronavirus and be vigilant with ensuring students remain at home if they are unwell, to minimise the spread of any virus.

Parents are invited to contact Mrs Ros Iselin in the First Aid Centre with any questions regarding their child's health at school on 3286 0514 or sickbay@redlands.qld.edu.au

In the event of a confirmed case of Coronavirus being identified within our school, the College will follow advice and directives from Queensland Health.

The College has prepared for a number of alternate strategies should the College be required to close, including varying the dates of school holidays and continuing learning through the College's Learning Management System.

Schoolbox enables interaction between staff and students, including lesson notes, links to videos, worked examples, powerpoint presentations and forum discussions. Should teaching staff be unable to attend the College because of a closure, student learning will continue through the uploading of resources on Schoolbox and online interaction between staff and students. Detailed information will be provided to families should this situation materialise.

For now, school is continuing as normal, with an increased awareness of good hygiene practices. Thank you for communicating with your son or daughter about the importance of implementing these practices, as we seek to ensure we remain calm, but well prepared, for any future viral outbreaks.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Johnson
Principal



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