

8 May 2020

Dear members of our All Souls St Gabriels School Community,

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Information Letter 10

As we prepare to have Pre-Prep, Prep, Year 1, Year 11 and Year 12 return on Monday, it is important that we all do our bit to provide a safe space for both students and staff to work and learn.

In previous correspondence, we have outlined the procedures we have undertaken to promote good health and hygiene. We are pleased with the way the staff and students have adapted to the new approaches.

Please find following some further explanations from the clinic about procedures that are in place to assist in maintaining a safe environment. Further health related advice can be obtained by contacting the clinic. These measures have been introduced to protect the wider School community and provide a safe workplace for staff.

- Children and staff who are unwell must not come to school.
- For boarding families, extra restrictions and measures have been put in place in an attempt to keep your child/children well once they are back in boarding. On arrival back into boarding, each student, in consultation with their parent/guardian, will be required to complete a health checklist and have their temperature measured to ensure the child is well.
- Boarding students who are unwell must not be sent back into boarding until they are well.
- Day students that become unwell during the school day must be collected and taken home.

As per the advice we have received, students and staff are encouraged to have their Flu vaccination before returning to school. This adds some protection for the Flu season coming up and assists in safeguarding the wider school community.

Boarders who become unwell with any respiratory symptoms (sore throat, cough, temperature or shortness of breath) will be isolated in a supervised environment in the clinic. Their case will be discussed with our servicing GP clinic, Gold City Medical Centre, to determine if they meet criteria set by Queensland Health to be tested to rule out Covid-19 infection. The child will continue to be isolated in clinic until the results return (approximately 48 hours). Parents/Guardians may come and collect a student during this period, however, the student must be symptom free for at least 72 hours before they return to boarding and classes. If you have taken or allowed your child/children out on leave and they become unwell they cannot be brought back into boarding; keep them at home until they are symptom free for at least 72 hours before returning.



Please be advised that if a student tests positive for Covid-19 they must be collected by a designated care giver or parent in a timely manner. Queensland Health will contact parents and give directions regarding further action.

Please be assured that if any students or staff have a positive Covid-19 test that the appropriate measures will be taken to inform the wider School community as directed by Queensland Health.

We must not be complacent regarding this illness. Consequently, we respectfully request that these guidelines be followed for the safety and well-being of the entire School community.

Regards

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Headmaster