

IONA COLLEGE

A Catholic Boys' College conducted by The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the situation with COVID - 19 has continued to evolve, I write to inform you that, as per the Prime Minister's announcement last night Iona College remains open. While speaking last night the Prime Minister did not rule out the possibility that school closures may be part of the future plan to contain COVID – 19. Future closures may take the form of short term individual closures if and when a case of COVID – 19 is diagnosed in one of our students or staff members. Alternatively, closures may be on a state or national scale and last for a longer period of time.

This morning, the Queensland Premier stated that Queensland Schools will remain open until the end of Term 1. While the Premier indicated that parents or caregivers have a choice to keep their children at home, she also indicated that parents and caregivers who make that choice are responsible for:

- advising the school the child is not attending school;
- ensuring the child maintains continuity of learning at home;
- ensuring the child is appropriately supervised and exercises social distancing.

Please be assured that Iona College is undertaking preparations for “Learning at Home” to address long term or short term closures. We appreciate your understanding that whilst the school is open, we are not working in a full offsite and remote online capacity. Our face to face teaching takes priority at this point. This means that we are not able to offer individualised home learning plans for boys whose parents have made the choice to keep them at home at this point. Again, we appreciate your understanding of this.

As always, further communication will be provided to parents in the near future.

Thank you again for your understanding as we together work through these challenging times.

Yours sincerely

Trevor Goodwin
Principal