

IONA COLLEGE

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



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Dear Members of the Iona College Community,

Iona holds the health and safety of our students, staff and members of the community as the highest of priorities. The College is aware of the outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus from the Wuhan region of China and is closely monitoring the developments. Information from Queensland Health includes advice that should anyone become sick by exhibiting fever, sore throat, headaches, breathing difficulties or other flu-like symptoms, after having recently had links to Wuhan or the Province of Hubei in China, or been in contact with someone who has a confirmed case of the Coronavirus, they should present immediately to a doctor. In these circumstances it is of course imperative that students and family members do not attend school while unwell.

Furthermore, we advise that any students who have travelled to China since January 10, 2020, and developed symptoms similar to the above to visit their local GP or hospital for assessment and clearance before returning to Iona. In addition, any member of the Iona Community who has been in Hubei Province since January 10, is expected to remain at home until they have exceeded the incubation period or can provide a doctor's certificate notifying that they are free of the virus. Please contact the College's Absentee Line should your family be impacted and your son(s) need to remain at home due to this requirement.

Further information about the virus is available at:

<https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>

https://www.health.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0031/935365/2019-nCoV-information-education-services-V1.pdf

We look forward to welcoming students to the College over the next two days.

Regards

Trevor Goodwin

Principal