

# IONA COLLEGE

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



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Dear Parents and Caregivers

You may be aware that over the weekend the Australian Government announced new measures that specifically address travel restrictions from mainland China in relation to the Novel Coronavirus.

These important preventative measures are being instigated in the interest of public health. It is my understanding that there still remains a very low risk of transmission in Australia.

Nevertheless, as always, the health and wellbeing of our students remains our number one priority and I would ask that you remain alert to your child's/children's wellbeing during this time. Children can have a range of reactions during an event like this and, as always, support is available. If you have any concerns, please discuss them with your child's Head of House or Mr Brayden Teece, Head of Primary Years.

We will continue to take advice from Queensland Health in relation to this matter. The latest information is available at Novel Coronavirus on the Queensland Health website.

Iona College had already conveyed information relating to the necessary restrictions last week for travellers who had visited China (including Hong Kong), and I confirm that the earlier advice from health agencies remains current.

Specifically, that means:

- anyone who has been in contact with any confirmed Novel Coronavirus cases must self-isolate (self-isolation means staying at home and not accepting visitors) for 14 days following exposure;
- travellers who have visited Hubei Province of China need to self-isolate for 14 days after leaving Hubei Province (noting that the Australian Government has announced this now applies to all of mainland China as explained above);
- returned travellers who have visited China cannot attend school, childcare or TAFE for 14 days after leaving China including Hong Kong.

Again, thank you for your understanding and attention to this important matter.

Regards

Trevor Goodwin  
Principal