

# IONA COLLEGE

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



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Dear Parents, Guardians and members of the Iona College community

I write to update you on some changes in government advice regarding Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

You may be aware that over the weekend, the Australian Government announced updated travel restrictions which it had last month placed upon travel from mainland China. These travel restrictions now include travel from Iran.

The updated restrictions now mean that students or staff cannot attend school or childcare centres if they have:

- left, or transited through mainland China in the last 14 days (they must isolate themselves for 14 days from leaving mainland China)
- left, or transited through Iran on or after 1 March (they must isolate themselves until 14 days after leaving Iran)
- been in close contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus in the last 14 days (they must isolate themselves for 14 days after the date of last contact with the confirmed case).

These are important preventative measures that have been put in place in the interests of public health. In addition to ensuring that you follow this advice, can I urge that, if you or your children are unwell or show symptoms of illness, that you make arrangements to visit your family doctor?

Anyone who has completed the self-quarantine period of 14 days and shows no symptoms of illness is eligible to return to work or school.

As they currently stand, we do not expect the updated travel restrictions to significantly impact upon any of our day-to-day school operations and want to reassure you that we will continue to work to ensure any disruption is minimised.

As always, the health and wellbeing of your children, our staff and the entire community remains our number one priority. Iona College continues to monitor the global and local situation regarding this virus including monitoring the advice from Queensland Health and the Department of Education.

The latest information regarding the virus is available at [novel coronavirus](#) on the Queensland Health website.

As always, the College appreciates your support in working together to ensure the health and safety of our community.

Yours sincerely

Trevor Goodwin  
Principal