

## **DEAR PARENTS/GUARDIANS,**

The Department of Education is keeping schools up to date with what to do regarding the Coronavirus. The following information is issued and valid as at March 16. Further updates may supersede this information.

### **CAMPS**

- All camps scheduled to commence from and including Tuesday 17 March will be postponed and rescheduled, or, if there is no other option, cancelled

### **EXCURSIONS**

- All excursions outside the school for purposes such as visits to cultural institutions, art galleries, theatres and sporting events or facilities (other than those local facilities regularly used by the school) planned from and including Tuesday 17 March will be postponed or cancelled.
- ***Subsequently, our surfing excursion for grade 5 & 6 will be postponed until Term 4.***
- An exception to this is Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) students attending a prescribed theatre performance for VCE Theatre Studies where the audience will be less than 500 people.

### **INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS**

- Everyone arriving into Australia from overseas from midnight tonight (15 March) will be required to self-isolate for 14 days. This obviously includes students and staff who may be returning from overseas excursions or other travel.
- Importantly, it also includes parents and carers and any other relatives or friends of your students who are returning from overseas travel. As they are required to self-isolate, they must not visit the school to pick up children or for any other reason. Please remind your parents and community members of this.
- In addition, in response to the New Zealand Government's travel restrictions announced over the weekend, staff and students can no longer travel to New Zealand. This is effective from today, Sunday 15 March 2020.

### **SWIMMING LESSONS**

- Swimming lessons that are held at a local swimming pool can continue.

### **ATHLETICS SPORTS DAY**

- ***Our Athletics Sports day due to happen on March 24 will be postponed until later in the year***

### **SCHOOL CLOSURES**

- No government school is currently closed or in the process of being closed. Schools will be informed directly if there is any prospect that the school will be closed, either as a stand-alone school closure or as part of a local or area-based closure. Schools would then be provided with detailed advice, a step-by-step guide and communication resources to support schools through that process.

### **ORGANISED GATHERINGS**

- The Commonwealth Government has announced that mass gatherings of more than 500 people are now prohibited. This explicitly does not include schools running normal teaching and learning program. It does, however, apply to any school event that involves attendance by community members who are not students or staff where total attendance will exceed 500. This includes school assemblies and sporting events.
- Until further notice, we will not be holding assemblies.

**Graeme Smith. Principal.**