



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers

As you are no doubt aware, there have been recent reports regarding an outbreak of *Novel Coronavirus* in the Wuhan district of China. The School has sought advice on measures to ensure the health and safety of students and staff and have been advised that the Commonwealth Government guidelines are the main reference point at this time.

While the advice from the Department of Health (Australian Government) is that they have well-established procedures to ensure people with illnesses travelling into the country are detected, it is clear that it is very early in our understanding of the outbreak.

The Government is undertaking additional border measures and the Commonwealth Department of Health is updating advice for doctors and other health professionals in Australia. Information on the Department of Health's website is available [here](#).

The School and the Anglican Schools Commission are acting to manage any potential risk to our community through the following requirements:

If you have recently visited the Wuhan district of China during the holidays, you must not send your child/children to school until they have been back in Australia for at least 12 days and show no signs of illness.

As school starts on Tuesday 4 February 2020, your child/ren will need to have been back in Australia by Thursday 23 January 2020 to commence school as scheduled. If they arrived back in Australia after Thursday 23 January, they should not commence school until 12 days after their arrival date. During this time, you should be on the alert for symptoms related to a fever or respiratory symptoms. These include a cough, shortness of breath, rapid breathing, a sore throat, or a runny nose. Please visit your local GP if these symptoms are present.

If you have **not** visited the Wuhan district of China during the holidays, you should feel confident to send your child to school unless they have any of the above symptoms, in which case, as with other viruses, you should keep your child at home until the symptoms have cleared. **If in doubt, please keep them home and consult your health professional.** No student will be penalised for the time missed and we will support students in terms of academic transition wherever required.

Please be assured that John Wollaston Anglican Community School is monitoring this situation closely. Should the State or Commonwealth governments issue new guidelines for how schools need to respond, we will advise our school community immediately. We thank you for your assistance with this situation and look forward to seeing our students return to school in the coming days.

Yours sincerely

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