



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers

UPDATED ADVICE ON THE SCHOOL'S RESPONSE TO THE POTENTIAL RISK ASSOCIATED WITH NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

Please be advised that the School has revised our requirements in relation to student health and safety related to the novel coronavirus.

The Anglican Schools Commission (ASC) and our school will adopt new guidelines following the guidelines announced by the Western Australian and New South Wales governments yesterday.

Under the revised approach, any student who has returned from China or Hong Kong during the last 14 days must not attend school until those 14 days have expired. The 14-day period applies to ALL school events at which students are present. This includes the Year 12 Ball this Friday 31 January.

If students have not been in Australia for 14 days, they must remain at home until this time.

This condition also applies to all school staff.

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.

There is currently no change in advice from the Department of Health, however, the ASC and the School is adopting a cautious approach to manage any potential risk to our school community.

If your child has returned from China or Hong Kong less than 14 days ago, please contact the School at principal@jwacs.wa.edu.au and inform the School of your return date to Australia and your expected date of return to school based on the 14-day required absence.

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 continues to monitor this situation closely and we will advise the school community immediately should any further changes occur.

Thank you for your assistance with this situation and we look forward to seeing our students return to school in the coming days.

Yours sincerely

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