



COVID-19 Communication 03

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For reliable government updates on Coronavirus (COVID-19) go to
<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

Dear Families,

At Plenty Valley we are seeking to faithfully hold to two truths – the seriousness of this virus spread, and the supremacy of our God. Or to put it another way “be alert but not alarmed.”

We have been considering each event individually and doing a risk assessment of each. We consider the age of participants and their ability to undertake good hygiene practices, the environment they are entering and our ability to control public access to students and the length of time they may be in a potential risk situation. We are using Health Department guidelines to make decisions. The welfare of the students is always the highest consideration.

Given these guidelines and our 3 Phase response plan the following decisions have been made. Please be aware that things may change on a day to day basis and other organisations may make decisions that are beyond our control.

Interschool Sport will continue at this stage with no spectators.

Open Day (14/03/20) has had **significant modification** to protect student guides and staff from prolonged exposure to members of the public.

Year 6 Camp to Canberra (16 to 20/03/20) is currently **going ahead**. We believe that hygiene procedures will offer our students sufficient protection for the activities they are undertaking.

Secondary Athletics (17/03/20) is still **going ahead**. We will ask participants and spectators to refrain from touching and to undertake personal hygiene procedures.

Prep to Year 2 Swimming (17/03/20 onwards) has been **cancelled**. We can't have a high level of confidence that little ones are able to adequately navigate hygiene practices needed for accessing **public places**.

Year 11 Top Screen Media excursion (19/3/20) has been cancelled. This excursion is in a high density and very public venue and risks cross infection.

Year 11 Food Studies excursion (23/3/20) has been cancelled. This excursion is in a high density and very public venue and risks cross infection.

Mission Trips (20/06/20 to 04/07/20) has been **cancelled**. The risk of students becoming ill and not being able to return to Australia is likely to be too high at that time of the year.

Please let us know by email (office@pvcc.vic.edu.au) if your child or anyone in your household has returned from overseas in the last 2 weeks or may potentially have been infected. This will inform our response should your child display symptoms.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to communicate with your child's Head of School or Deputy Principal, Principal or College Nurse.



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