



COVID-19 Communication 5

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<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

Dear Families

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

Hopefully these details will answer most of your questions however, if I don't manage to address your particular scenario, please phone our office staff. Please be aware that they are doing their best in a difficult and busy context.

My message related to public transport was referring only to school excursion use. How students get to and from school is totally at parent discretion, we would only ask that they continue to uphold exceptional hygiene standards after these trips.

I recognise that Phase 2 of our response is above what is required in other contexts: asking for your child to stay away from school for two weeks if they've had close contact with someone returning from overseas is not something all sectors of the community are mandating. We are endeavouring to maintain an environment where parents feel as confident as possible to send their children to school. I apologise for any inconvenience this causes, however, I am maintaining the standard for the benefit of our whole community.

Parents are still able to go to our offices to sign their children out. We would ask you not to stay for too long in these spaces. Wherever possible, we ask you to continue to follow procedures. The same goes for the school crossing at Early Years, please continue to accompany your child safely across the crossing.

To minimise the number of people on site, we are eliminating parent helper duties, canteen duties and visits to the uniform shop for the time being. Should you need to order uniform items, Bob Stewart are going solely online for ordering and delivery. Please go to www.bobstewart.com.au to place your order.

Should you find your family suddenly unable to come to school and you need to collect books from lockers, you may do this after 4pm on school days once you check in at the Administration Office. Please contact the office if you require further assistance.

All excursions are cancelled for the foreseeable future.

The definition of close contact is still face to face contact 1-2m apart for more than 15 minutes, or 2 hours in the same room as a potentially infected person. This would include those living in the same house or having intimate contact.



Thank you for your support and your efforts to follow ever-changing protocols. We are confident that we will get through this time and back to routine at some stage this year.

Yours in Christ's Service,

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