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Dear Parents and Guardians

With details surrounding COVID-19 changing every day, Catholic Education Western Australia is taking a proactive stance to prevent the virus from affecting all school communities.

While I appreciate that some of these measures may be inconvenient, I'm sure you understand that we are choosing to act with caution. Already, some schools on the east coast have had to close as a result of the virus and we are trying to prevent this from happening at St Columba's School.

Therefore, I have outlined our updated requirements for students below, but please be assured that if your child needs to be quarantined, we will implement educational resources so that he/she can continue their studies from home.

The latest advice from the Department of Health (on Thursday 12 March) is as follows:

1. If a student, parent or staff member has been in contact with someone who has contracted the virus, they should seek medical advice, stay away from school and self-isolate at home until they are clear of symptoms for 14 days.
2. If a student, parent or staff member has travelled to, or through China, Iran, South Korea or Italy in the past two weeks, they are required to keep away from school and self-isolate at home for a period of 14 days from the date they return to Perth. We ask that you please notify the School of your intended travel details.

Additional St Columba's School precautions include:

3. If a student or staff member has travelled to, or transited through Hong Kong, Indonesia (including Bali), Japan, Mongolia, Cambodia, Singapore or Thailand in the past two weeks, they should self-monitor. If symptoms present, please do not attend school and seek medical advice.
4. If a student has been in contact with any person being tested for COVID-19 they are to self-isolate at home until the person has been cleared.
5. Families are asked to carefully consider all holiday and travel plans, taking into account the ever-changing COVID-19 situation. Please contact the school prior to any international travel, to confirm return to School arrangements.
6. As per normal School expectations, please keep unwell students at home.

We will continue to monitor the situation and take advice from relevant authorities.

Decisions are always made in the best interest of our students, both in terms of their health and education. I thank you for your continued understanding.

Kind Regards

Art Lombardi  
Principal