



3rd February 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you may be aware, the situation regarding the emerging outbreak of novel coronavirus has continued to evolve.

The Commonwealth's Chief Medical Officer and Victoria's Chief Health Officer informed the Department of Education yesterday that they recommended a stronger precautionary approach to managing coronavirus for travellers returned from mainland China (not including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan).

This recommendation is that parents/guardians/carers should ensure that any student returning from mainland China (not including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) who was in mainland China on or after **1 February 2020** is isolated at home and should not attend school until 14 days after they were last in mainland China.

This recommendation does not apply retrospectively. It applies only to students who were in mainland China on or after 1 February 2020.

I would like to remind staff, families and children that everyone can protect against infections by practising good hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene. Can everyone please:

- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing with a tissue, or cough into your elbow
- dispose of the tissue into a bin and then wash your hands afterwards
- wash your hands regularly, after using the toilet, and before eating.

Thank you for your ongoing support

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