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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Update on Coronavirus (COVID-19)

This weekend the Department of Education released new guidelines for NSW schools. I wish to update you on these guidelines and the mechanisms in place at St Peter's to support the safety and wellbeing of staff and students.

At this stage the advice from the Commonwealth and NSW Governments is to keep schools open and operational.

Firstly, the three most important things each and every one of us can do to help manage the spread of the virus are:

- Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly with soap
- Sneeze into your elbow or a tissue, disposing of the tissue straight away and then washing your hands.
- Keep your children home if they are unwell. Catholic schools in NSW have been asked to send home staff and students who show signs of being unwell with cold and flu-like symptoms.

At St Peter's:

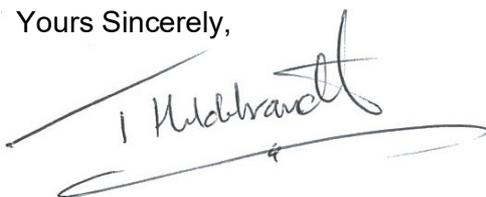
- We have cancelled or postponed until further notice, all excursions, large assemblies, year group meetings, whole school liturgies, major sports events and camps until further notice. This includes Year 7 and 8 camps scheduled for later this term.
- We are continuing to prepare for a move to online learning. It is our intention to ensure students are provided with meaningful learning, in an online environment, should there be an instance where the school is required to close.
- We are promoting good hygiene and implementing extra hygiene measures in classrooms. This includes promotion of handwashing, and in some practical classes, time for handwashing, promoting cough and sneeze etiquette, and includes extra cleaning, especially in spaces designed for practical classes.

At this time, your support of the above measures is greatly appreciated.

Please do not send your children to school if they are unwell, it is likely we will send them home again.

For further information please use this link to the [NSW Health website](#).

Yours Sincerely,



Tim Hildebrandt
Principal