



## St Francis de Sales Catholic Primary School

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# School Note

## Information for Parents – Update number 4 on Novel Coronavirus

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Dear Parents and Carers

Further to previous correspondence, I am writing to provide you with updated advice received from the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria (CECV) regarding the emerging outbreak of COVID-19 (coronavirus).

The Australian Government has updated existing travel restrictions to include visitors from Iran who are not Australian citizens or permanent residents.

These restrictions were implemented from 1 March 2020.

The extension to existing travel restrictions for visitors from mainland China remains in place. Visitors from mainland China who are not Australian citizens or permanent residents, or their dependants, will not be allowed entry into Australia.

These restrictions will be reviewed by 7 March 2020.

**Parents/guardians/carers should ensure that any child returning from mainland China (not including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) from 1 February, and from Iran from 1 March, is isolated at home and should not attend school until 14 days after they were last in mainland China or Iran.**

### Travel advice for school trips

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) is closely monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak and its implications for overseas travel. DFAT travel advisories are under close review in consultation with Australia's Chief Medical Officer.

Schools planning overseas excursions should ensure that they:

- comply with any DFAT travel advice current for the proposed location
- subscribe to receive automatic travel advice updates from the Smartraveller website <https://www.smartraveller.gov.au/> both prior to the excursion and when overseas Smartraveller.
- review their risk assessment if there are any changes to the DFAT travel advice.

The CECV's advice is that schools do not travel to countries and areas identified as 'Do not travel' or 'Reconsider your need to travel' locations by DFAT through the [Smartraveller](#) website.

The Department of Education and Training's [coronavirus webpage](#) is the key source for the latest advice and information, including translated advice.

You can also access further information and updates from the following websites:

- For Victorian updates to the current incident, go to: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/novelcoronavirus>
- For national updates: <https://www.health.gov.au/news/latest-information-about-novel-coronavirus>
- For international updates: <https://www.who.int/westernpacific/emergencies/novel-coronavirus>
- WHO resources: <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>





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The well-being of your child continues to be of paramount importance to me and our school staff. I will continue to share information and advice about the coronavirus outbreak as it becomes available.

In circumstances like these, there can understandably be a lot of concern and uncertainty about the safety of your child. Please know that I am available to discuss your concerns with you, and will provide any revised advice to you as soon as it becomes available.

Kind regards

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