



Catholic Schools Office Diocese of Broken Bay

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The CSO continues to closely monitor the COVID-19 ('novel coronavirus') situation and is taking advice from NSW Health and Catholic Schools NSW to ensure we are responding appropriately in the best interests of our students, staff and school communities.

As of this date, we have still not had to close any school nor have we been notified of any confirmed case of COVID-19 in our school system.

A small number of students in our system of schools have been identified as being in close contact with people diagnosed with COVID-19. These exposures occurred outside of our school system. These students are following NSW Health advice.

Again, I ask that parents and carers:

- continue to monitor your child's health carefully;
- promote good hygiene including handwashing often with soap and water; and
- keep your child home if they are unwell.

For the safety of our secondary school students and staff, I have cancelled or postponed all overseas school excursions until further notice.

If families or family members are travelling overseas, I ask you to follow the advice from the Australian Government, including any self-isolation requirements for any person who returns from a country identified on the [smartraveller](https://www.smartraveller.gov.au) website. As advised by Dr Kerry Chant, Chief Health Officer for NSW Health, you might also consider that airports pose a place of high risk, healthcare in some countries is problematic and the Federal Government's requirements of return into Australia could be changed during the absence.

Further information on COVID-19 is available via the NSW Health website:

- [Factsheet](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Yours sincerely,

Dr Tony Bracken
Acting Director of Schools