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Dear Families,

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

We continue to provide you with the most up to date information and advice on this matter in the interests of keeping our community safe. We are receiving almost daily updates on this and have been requested by Department officials to pass this information on to our families.

The Commonwealth's Chief Medical Officer and Victoria's Chief Health Officer have this afternoon recommended a stronger precautionary approach to managing coronavirus for travellers returned from mainland China (not including Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan) from 1 February 2020.

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.

This new advice is based on the latest expert recommendations of the Commonwealth's Chief Medical Officer and Victoria's Chief Health Officer.

We thank you for your understanding, concern and assistance in helping us promote awareness and safety measures to the health and wellbeing of our students and broader community.

If you have any concerns or require further information, please contact the Department of Health and Human Services directly on the DHHS hotline [1300 651 160](tel:1300651160)

Kind Regards

James Whitla

Principal