



# Court Grammar School

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers

### COVID – 19 Information

I am aware that we are all being inundated with information about the COVID-19 virus at the moment.

However, I thought it best to just make a few simple points.

1. We do need to stay calm as the panic (through concern) is likely to cause more harm. This means we remain alert but not alarmed. Listening to rumours causes panic, so we ask that you check with the School for confirmation of the "rumour".
2. The current focus is on minimizing and preventing transmission by making sure we are as prepared for a possible case in our school community.
3. Do continue to take the suggested hygiene precautions available on all health websites.
4. If your child is ill, we ask you to do what is always advisable, keep them home till they are better.
5. Keep us informed if there are any CONFIRMED cases in your family or people you have come into contact with.
6. Anyone in contact with a CONFIRMED case of the COVID-19, irrespective of whether they have developed symptoms, must stay home in isolation for 14 days.
7. The Minister for Education has banned all overseas camps, with the exception of New Zealand but as we have NO out of Australia camps planned there is no need for action on this front.
8. It is the opinion of our insurance broker that if the Minister for Education bans camps WITHIN Australia then all money will be refunded by the insurer for our in-country camps. I will keep you abreast of any changes on this front as I receive it.
9. We have been asked if we would consider giving our Year 7s a chance to go next year IF the Minister puts a ban on travel for 2020 and YES we will do everything in our power to make this happen.
10. We have been asked what would we do if the school is required to close. We have been advised that in the East, schools have only closed for 1-3 days but things do seem to be changing daily. We will make the best provision possible for online education, but I must also state that this is unlikely in Perth at the present time.
11. We have been asked to suggest all families reconsider overseas travel plans in the April holidays.
12. Please advise us if you do follow through with these plans as it will necessitate students being kept home in self isolation if Government bans are in place to the country of travel. This list is changing daily and we ask you to keep up to date with the bans.

We will be in communication with our families as frequently as it is necessary at this difficult time.

Warm wishes

Patricia Rodrigues (Ms)  
Principal

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