



ST PIUS X COLLEGE

CHATSWOOD

From the Principal
Mr John Couani

28 January 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I am writing with important information regarding the way that St Pius X College, Chatswood is monitoring and responding to the outbreak of the Coronavirus and the actions the College have taken to ensure the safety of students and staff under the circumstances.

The advice given by all relevant authorities is that the Australian Government has well established procedures to ensure people with illnesses travelling into the country are detected. St Pius X College is actively monitoring all currently available information and we will continue to review and assess as further advice and guidance from NSW Health, Catholic Schools NSW and other relevant bodies becomes available.

In managing any potential health risk to our community, the College's protocol will be as follows:

1. As per NSW Health Guidelines: if your family has recently visited, passed through or stopped over in any affected region in China or any other affected area, please advise the College immediately and ensure that your son does not attend school until he has received a medical clearance from a doctor and has advised the College accordingly. The medical clearance should note specifically that the examination has cleared the student in respect of coronavirus. An updated list of affected regions/countries is available on the NSW Health website. Once a medical clearance has been obtained, please contact Mr Mark Casey, the Deputy Principal to make arrangements for your son's return.
2. If you are not sure whether this applies to you, please contact Mr Casey at the College to discuss the matter.
3. Furthermore, the College must be immediately advised if you become aware that any student has been in contact with a person who has been diagnosed with the coronavirus.
4. If your family has not recently visited any affected region, and, however, your son is experiencing flu-like symptoms, as with any other virus, please seek appropriate medical care and keep your son at home until he has recovered.
5. St Pius X College will be reinforcing good hygiene practices and we encourage parents to remind their son of the importance of hygiene practices prior to the return to school.
6. These protocols also apply to College staff.

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NSW Health has developed helpful information which is available on its website.

Media release: https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/news/Pages/20200127_01.aspx

Factsheet: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/alerts/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

FAQs: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/alerts/Pages/coronavirus-faqs.aspx>

St Pius X College will continue to monitor this situation closely. Should NSW Health or any other relevant health authority issue new guidelines or information, we will provide any necessary updates. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr Mark Casey, Deputy Principal by email on mcasey@stpiousx.nsw.edu.au or by phone through the College office on 9411 4733.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Couani', with a small dot at the end of the line.

John Couani
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