

## Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update #5 – 16 March 2020

Currently we are running school as normal with some social distancing modifications detailed below.

For those parents who are choosing to keep their children at home, please be aware current learning resources are available at [online@hillbrook](mailto:online@hillbrook). Please ask students to contact their teachers for any further work. We will communicate our plans for continuation of classes online in the event of the school being asked to close.

### Upgraded Hygiene and Social Distancing Measures

From today the following additional hygiene and social distancing measures have been adopted:

#### Social Distancing:

- No whole school assemblies
- No full cohort classes – the maximum of children in any one class is 60 and these can be held in larger spaces where social distancing is possible.
- No daily Chapel
- No handshaking or hugging – we will be practicing a simple hello or Namaste greeting.
- Face to face Parent Teacher meetings will be cancelled for the rest of the term – we will provide more details shortly.
- At this stage Outdoor Ed activity days will continue however this is subject to change at short notice.
- Year 12 camps are a watch and wait, but will not proceed if school closes.
- All *Parent.Connect* events have been postponed for now.
- Hillbrook 2020 Official Opening on 24 April has been postponed.
- Project Active will be continuing at this stage
- Instrumental music lessons will be continuing at this stage.

#### Hygiene:

- Students will be asked to wash hands before they come into class after arriving on public transport – teachers will also remind students throughout the day to practice regular hand washing.
- Hand sanitiser is in short supply right now and we will have bottles strategically placed around the school.
- All visitors to the School will be asked about their recent travel and people they have been in recent contact with.
- All students presenting in sick bay with a cough or any other cold and flu symptoms will have their temperature taken and asked to go home.

- If they have a fever, they will not be allowed to return until their fever has subsided.
- From Tuesday Our Tuckshop will only be accepting student cards to alleviate the bacteria that comes with handling cash. Please ensure these are topped up.

## International Travel

As directed by the Australian Government, anyone travelling out of Australia from midnight last night, must self-isolate on their return for 14 days.

At Hillbrook we are taking the additional approach that, unless you self-isolate in a separate location to your children, they will need to stay away from school with you for at least 7 days.

If you remain well, your children can return to school after 7 days, provided you are all well. **NEW:** Doctors are only issuing Formal Clearance Certificates if you have undergone testing due to limits on testing and availability of appointments.

The same expectations we currently have in place for testing will then apply if you or someone on your flight becomes ill and has to undergo a coronavirus test. Please see our [webpage here](#) for more information.

If you have advised us of your overseas travel plans for the Easter holiday break, please let us know where these plans currently stand.

If any of our parents are still travelling for work, we request you let us know of your destination and the date you are returning home. Your children will need to self-isolate on your return as outlined above.

At this stage there is no restriction on travel within Australia, however this may be subject to change as the situation changes.

We will be keeping our [coronavirus website page](#) up to date where you can find links to helpful pages and articles. We will continue to keep you updated.

Your sincerely  
School Leadership Team