



**ST HILDA'S SCHOOL
GOLD COAST**

4 March 2020

STUDENT HEALTH UPDATE - COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus)

Dear Parents and Carers

You will be aware from media reports that the Australian Government continues to review and advise on measures specifically relating to travel restrictions, and important preventative measures which have been put in place in the interests of public health.

You can access updated fact sheets on the [department's website](#).

Further health advice on the Department of Health [website](#).

And, further information on travel restrictions on the Department of Home Affairs [website](#).

The St Hilda's Incident Management Team continues to meet to discuss advice as it is received and the identification of potential issues which may impact the day-to-day operations of the School, planned events and co-curricular activities. We will keep you informed and thank you again for your co-operation with assisting your daughter to appreciate the protective measures we all need to adopt to decrease the spread of any virus.

Your reinforcement of the messages below will assist our community:

- Wash hands after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose, and dispose of used tissues in a bin straight away
- Maintain personal hygiene, and avoid unnecessary contact with others.

Students should carry their own tissues and ideally their own hand sanitizer. Supplies of these items are distributed throughout the School as a provision to supplement students' needs.

Considerations have been made for how Chapel Services are conducted and our instruction is to 'share the peace' verbally (no handshake – to minimise contact with others), and communion will be restricted to consuming the communion wafer.

Your understanding and attention to advice which is being shared during this time is, as always, appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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