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Dear Parent/Guardian

The College has been considering carefully the COVID 19 Coronavirus outbreak in China, Iran and now in other parts of the world.

College considerations

We are taking advice from the relevant authorities about the risks held for our community and considering its potential impact upon College operations in the coming months.

The issues we are considering include planned activities (*eg overseas excursions, immersions, tours, etc*)

Decisions will be made on these activities in the coming weeks and months.

In addition, the College is currently completing plans in the event that there is a more considerable outbreak of the Coronavirus and/or if a member of our community were to be diagnosed with the virus.

The College's response will be determined by the Commonwealth and State governments and their response plans.

Personal Travel

In addition, and with the Term I holidays approaching, I am writing to you regarding any international travel your family may have planned. If your family has any travel planned for China or Iran please refrain from sending your son(s) to school for a period of 14 days from the time of his return to Australia. If you have family members who might also be visiting affected areas, your child/children will be subject to the same protocols. A doctor's certificate will be required prior to them returning to school clearing him of COVID 19.

As the situation is very fluid at present, it is also possible that other nations will be added to the Commonwealth's 'Do Not Travel' list and these same protocols will be in place should that occur. We encourage you to use your good judgement as it relates to your child's health and that of our community.

As a precautionary measure, if your child is planning to travel internationally in the coming months, I ask that you register their travel and destination(s) with the College by contacting Deputy Principal Mr James Metzeling on 02 6852 2000 or jamesmetzeling@redbendcc.nsw.edu.au.

This information will remain strictly confidential.

Illness and Hygiene

As per normal advice to parents, if your child is exhibiting any flu-like symptoms, please refrain from sending him to school until he has recovered.

The College will be reminding students of good hygiene practices. Each student is encouraged to take responsibility for his personal hygiene by washing their hands thoroughly before and after consuming food, or in other situations where germs may be spread, whilst at the College.

I would ask that you have a conversation with your child about how to ensure good habits of hygiene.

Thank you for your support in this regard and please contact me should you have any questions regarding this correspondence. I will communicate with the community further in the coming weeks should it be necessary to do so.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Dwyer', with a stylized flourish extending to the left.

Mr Stephen Dwyer
Principal