



# ILLAWARRA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Illawarra Christian School is privileged to have a healthy and vibrant community. In order for us to maintain the well-being of our staff, students and their families, it is important for all members our community to diligently follow the NSW Government health guidelines regarding attendance at work and school.

We acknowledge the status of information about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is continuing to evolve. The school will continue to take advice from NSW Health and will provide updates to families as the health information changes.

We would like to remind families and students that everyone can protect against the spread of infectious diseases by practising good health hygiene. We ask parents and carers to promote the following good hygiene practices as this is the single most effective way to reduce the spread of germs that cause respiratory disease.

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing and sneezing or cough into your elbow.
- Dispose of the tissue into a bin and then wash your hands afterwards.
- Wash your hands regularly using soap and water.
- Use hand sanitiser when available in classrooms. It would also be helpful if students could carry their own supply.

If your child has had diarrhoea or vomited they must not return to school until 48 hours after the last episode.

Consistent with current guidelines students who are unwell with respiratory illness or any other illness should remain at home until symptoms resolve. If your child has a compromised immune system then you may choose to make alternative arrangements at the advice of your medical practitioner. In accordance with our current practice if any child becomes unwell while at school parents will be notified to collect their child.

We fully respect any decision that families wish to make about their school holiday breaks, but it is important to consider the ramifications of these decisions as early as possible. It may be worth families considering their options for the coming school holidays. If choosing to travel overseas, a quarantine period may be imposed by the Government upon those returning.

In the case of advice from NSW Health that the school needed to be closed for a period of time the school has a continuation of operations plan. Parents will be advised by email, SEQTA direct message and a press release should this be the case.

Please find attached a list of online resources that may provide some extra information regarding current health concerns.

IN CHRIST'S SERVICE, OUR MISSION IS TO PARTNER WITH PARENTS  
IN PROVIDING QUALITY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOUNDED ON THE WORD OF GOD

Thank you for your support in these matters. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any concerns or queries.

Yours in Christ,



Simon Lainson

Principal

Online Resources for your reference:

NSW Health information:

[Click here: Infectious diseases control guidelines: Coronavirus](#)

[Click here: Infectious Diseases information on Coronavirus](#)

Australian Psychology Association:

[Click here: Coronavirus: Psychologists advice](#)