

Parent update – Sydney Catholic Schools’ response to COVID-19

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Dear parents and carers,

Despite media reports, Catholic schools across Australia will continue to operate as usual as will government and other schools.

Our national and state governments along with health and education departments have assured us that continuing to operate our schools is consistent with the best medical advice available and is in the public interest.

This advice is premised on all schools and offices continuing to follow the hygiene and other guidelines already in place in schools and I thank all our staff and students for their diligence in doing so.

I am aware that while some schools have had limited student and staff absences, other schools have had increases in either one or both.

Our staff and leaders have in all circumstances excelled in managing the challenges that have presented in some schools and adapting to these differing situations efficiently and effectively.

School staff are capable professionals who are doing a magnificent job in helping form and educate your precious children. Our school communities will rise to each new challenge intelligently, professionally and with your child’s interests always first.

I will be asking principals to engage with parents extensively in the coming weeks so that we can be aware of particular concerns or issues that they may have about what is happening now and what may happen in the future. We will continue to monitor the situation daily and make sure that you are informed of any developments.

Be assured that our schools and system are working around the clock to educate, protect and care for our students, staff and school communities and with both hard work and prayer our efforts will be rewarded.

Thank you and God Bless,



Tony Farley
Executive Director of Sydney Catholic Schools

