

COVID-19 – Information for students, staff and families as at 12 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Below is current information regarding COVID-19. Please read through this information carefully. We will keep you up to date as information comes to hand.

Kind regards

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General information about the current situation in the NT

- It is important that we are all vigilant however remain calm and not alarmed.
- There remains just one confirmed case of COVID-19 in the Territory – this person is a tourist visiting Darwin who is currently in Royal Darwin Hospital. There are no other confirmed cases anywhere else in the Territory.
- We are receiving regular and ongoing advice from the Australian Government and the NT Health Officer in regards to Coronavirus and making the necessary preparations in line with the advice that we are receiving.
- A key part of this plan is ensuring that students, staff and families are well informed of any processes that may need to be activated.
- The key messages that you need to continue to focus on distributing are:
 - Maintaining good hygiene practices
 - Keeping students, staff and families informed around travel and the advice that they need to be aware of
 - Ensuring that student, staff and families are aware of where they can seek further advice and support from the Australian Government Department of Health

- People who are not sick are urged **not** to seek COVID-19 testing.
- If you are sick with symptoms and meet the criteria i.e. you have travelled overseas in the last 14 days or have had close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19, then you will be tested.
- If you are sick but **do not meet the criteria** – you will **not** be tested.
- More broadly, if you are sick, please don't attend work or school.
- For the latest information for to the Australian Government Department of Health website: <https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov>
- You can also contact the National Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080.

NTPS and student travel

International travel advice

All work-related international travel for NTPS staff is now being limited to essential travel only. All existing travel arrangements for international travel will need to be reapproved by the Chief Executive.

Interstate travel advice

There has been no advice around interstate travel provided at this stage.

Intrastate travel advice

The Northern Territory Government are urging people who have travelled overseas in the last 14 days – with particular emphasis on high risk countries not to travel to remote communities. Communities can develop plans for reducing traffic into the community to reduce the chance of disease transmission as and when required.