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Dear Parents and Caregivers

As you are probably aware there have been some new cases of COVID-19 diagnosed on the Gold Coast. Contact tracing has confirmed that those with a positive diagnosis have visited places in Coomera and Oxenford over the past few weeks.

Queensland Health are clear that the risk is extremely low for people who have passed the sick person on the street or in a shop. However, if you or a member of your household visited any of these venues at the time or in the few days after the listed time, it is important that you closely monitor your symptoms for a couple of weeks after your visit. If, during this time, you have even mild symptoms it is important that you are tested and remain at home until such time as you receive the test results. You only need to be tested if you experience symptoms. <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/contact-tracing>

Given the current situation, we have determined to reintroduce mandatory temperature checks from Tuesday for all who come onto campus. This is purely a precaution - nobody at Saint Stephen's College has been diagnosed with COVID-19.

Most likely more students and staff will choose to wear masks at the College, this is to be expected and certainly not a cause for alarm. Anyone who wishes to wear a mask may collect one from the Health Centre or provide their own if that is preferred.

Once again, just to reiterate, this should not cause alarm but is merely a sensible precaution to best protect our community.

Thank you for your continued support as we work hard to ensure that all in our community remain safe and healthy.

*Lord, it is in this place and in this time that you want me to grow.
You give me the time I need to live as you want me to live.
Help me to use my time and opportunities wisely.
Help me to value and treasure all the people you put into my life, and lead me to live in thankfulness.*

Amen

Kind regards

Kim Cohen
Principal



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