

## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION ABOUT CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Encounter is committed to doing all that it can to reduce the risk of Coronavirus (COVID-19) entering our College or being passed on within our community.

We can only do this with your full support and cooperation and that of everyone else in our community.

Encounter will continue to follow advice for schools from the Australian and South Australian governments. You can access Australian Government advice at <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-resources>. If you scroll down the page you will find a heading 'For parents of school-aged children'. Click on the link below the heading for an update with information for schools, early childhood centres, students and parents. It provides general information and responses to key questions.

To help minimise any spread of illness, no student, parent/caregiver, staff member or volunteer is to attend Encounter if they are unwell with symptoms consistent with Coronavirus. This also applies if attendance is inconsistent with Government recommendations for people returning from specified overseas travel, including those contained on [www.smartraveller.gov.au](http://www.smartraveller.gov.au)

If a student, staff member or volunteer becomes unwell at the College, they will be isolated and required to leave as soon as possible.

Parents/caregivers must not send children to Encounter if they are unwell with symptoms consistent with Coronavirus.

We request that you immediately advise us if your child or a close family member has symptoms consistent with the Coronavirus.

We encourage you to have conversations at home about the importance of washing hands, along with coughing and sneezing etiquette and other relevant hygiene practices.

Information on hygiene practices is at this SA Health link:

<https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/healthy+living/protecting+your+health/preventing+disease+and+infection/wash+wipe+cover/wash+wipe+cover+resources>

Encounter will continue to scrutinise and monitor practices such as cleaning and sharing of equipment to reduce the risk of spreading the virus. Further discussions will continue as needed regarding how we might engage with our students should there be any prolonged period of absence.

We will keep you informed. If, in the meantime, you have any questions or comments, please contact me via email or when you see me in the morning at kiss 'n drop.

Kelvin Grivell

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kelvin Grivell'.

Principal

Looks like school, feels like home...

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