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Dear Parent/Caregiver,

While media and public commentary in relation to Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to raise concern, public health authorities are advising that the current risk remains low in Western Australia. Precautionary measures are necessary to ensure the safest possible environment for our children.

As a result, effective Tuesday March 3, we were advised by the Minister for Education that all school-related international travel, with the exception of travel to the USA, Canada and New Zealand (providing that this travel does not go through Asia), is not to proceed until further notice. This advice applies to all students and staff across all sectors.

While the international travel planned for our Soccer and Netball tours to Singapore was not scheduled until later this year I have made the decision we will not proceed with these tours for 2020, regardless of any changes to this current advice. I have made this decision in light of the uncertainty that surrounds the situation and I do not wish to continue planning for tours that in all likelihood under the circumstances may not proceed.

The College will arrange for the return of the any payments you have made to date but I do ask that you are patient with us in regards to this. We have a number of administrative requirements to attend to with the travel company and then again to arrange for the refunds. I anticipate this will be completed before the end of term.

I appreciate that your child may be disappointed and you may have questions in relation to this advice. Please direct any questions to me in the first instance and be assured that the Department of Education, Catholic Education WA, and the Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia will continue to respond as a collaborative team to advice from the WA Department of Health and provide updated advice to schools and staff as appropriate.

Yours sincerely

Kylie Bottcher
Principal

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