



Friday 20 March 2020

Dear Members of the Blackfriars Community

Re: COVID-19 (coronavirus) update #3

I am writing first and foremost to thank you for your support of Blackfriars at what I'm sure is an uncertain and challenging time for many of you.

I have been extremely pleased to see throughout this week, students and parents cooperating with all government-mandated health and hygiene precautions, and showing great understanding to our staff, who continue to deliver their core business of educating and supporting your sons.

I would like to confirm to all members of our community that to date, there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 (coronavirus) at Blackfriars. This applies to both students and staff.

A reminder of the current advice from SA Health if you or your child is experiencing cold or flu symptoms:

- If you have travelled anywhere overseas in the past 14 days and have cold or flu-like symptoms, please call your GP clinic (advise your GP of your travel history and symptoms) and isolate yourself.
- People who are unable to make contact with their GP clinic and have travelled overseas and have COVID-19 symptoms can visit one of the metropolitan COVID-19 clinics.
- If you have NOT travelled overseas recently, but are feeling unwell, call your usual health care provider for advice.
- Do not attend school and avoid contact with others if you are unwell.

In any of the situations above, please notify Blackfriars of your condition via the usual absentee processes, or by contacting the Front Office on 8169 3900 and your call will be forwarded to the most appropriate person.

Since Blackfriars is currently without any cases of COVID-19, we will be continuing to keep our school open, and all students are advised to attend on Monday.

However, we understand that some families may feel uncomfortable sending their children to school for a variety of personal reasons. If this is the case, please notify your son's classroom / home group teacher as soon as possible so we can ensure they are well-equipped to work from home.

Information will soon be coming home to families regarding our procedures should the need arise to conduct remote learning.

Blackfriars will continue to update our community on the latest coronavirus news that affects our school and provide support and resources via our [COVID-19 Information Hub](#) on the school website. This hub is regularly updated and is supported by communications on both SEQTA and Blackfriars social media channels.

Thank you again for being part of our respectful and compassionate Blackfriars community. We will continue to work in partnership with you to ensure continuity of high-quality education and holistic support for your sons.

Thankful of God's blessing,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Simon Cobiac". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial 'S' and a long, sweeping tail.

Simon Cobiac
Principal