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Dear Parents and Carers

On 30 January 2020, the World Health Organisation declared the coronavirus outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. The Australian Government has issued a health alert as a precaution.

As the health and wellbeing of our students and staff remains the highest priority of St Joseph's College and Mercy Education, we need to remain vigilant to any potential for increased risks and take precautionary measures to ensure the safest possible educational environment for children and young people.

As a result, Mercy Education has made the decision, effective today, 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 Mercy Education staff.

What this means for our college.

The China Exchange program will not proceed for 2020. Students from Xiaguan No 1 Middle School, Dali will not visit the college in August nor will our students travel to Dali in September.

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.

As we continue to respond to COVID-19 in our community, please be assured that Mercy Education will continue to respond to advice from the Australian Government Department of Health and provide updated advice to schools and staff as appropriate.

The Department of Education and Training's [coronavirus webpage](#) is the key source for the latest advice and information, including translated advice.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Marg Blythman
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