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Dear Parents, Carers and Staff,

I am writing about the situation in our local area after the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) identified some new cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in Melbourne's northern suburbs.

We would like to reassure you that no cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) have been detected on our school site and that our school remains **open**.

If you live in the areas of Dallas, Roxburgh Park, Broadmeadows, Preston, West Heidelberg or Heidelberg Heights, please make sure that you continue to follow health advice, including practicing physical distancing, regular hand hygiene and wearing face masks.

Please be alert for any symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), and get tested if you develop any of the following:

- Loss or change in sense of smell or taste
- Fever
- Chills or sweats
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Runny nose

Getting tested

More information on testing, including testing locations, is available on the DHHS [Where to get tested](#) webpage.

Once you have been tested you should return home and await the results.

While getting tested, please remember face masks are compulsory for all Victorians over the age of 12, with the exception of those who cannot wear a face mask due to a medical condition or disability. DHHS has more information about [face masks](#).

It is important we all continue to follow the health advice from the experts. Our school will continue to work closely with DHHS and Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM) should any cases in our school community arise.

More information

I am aware that this is a time of heightened anxiety for us all. For more information regarding coronavirus and schools, please visit the [CEM website](#) or call the coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline on [1800 338 663](#), available [8am to 6pm](#), seven days a week.

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For school information in your language, call TIS National on **131 450**. Please ask them to call the DET coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline on **1800 338 663** and they will help interpret.

For health advice in other languages visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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