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Dear parents and carers

I am writing to you with updated government advice about how schools should respond to coronavirus. As of 3 February, this is the latest advice:

Travellers who arrived on or after 1 February 2020

Any student or staff member who has returned to Australia on or after 1 February 2020, and has over the last 14 days visited or transited through mainland China, is excluded from school and should not return to school or child care for 14 days after leaving China.

These students or staff members are also required to self-isolate from the community, as the coronavirus' incubation period can be as long as two weeks.

Travellers who arrived before 1 February 2020

Any student or staff member who arrived in Australia before 1 February 2020 and in the previous 14 days had visited Hubei Province is excluded from school and should not return to school or child care for 14 days after leaving China. Returned travellers who have been in Hubei Province must self-isolate from the community for 14 days after leaving Hubei Province, other than for seeking individual medical care.

Any student or staff member who had visited China and Hong Kong excluding Hubei Province who arrived in Australia before 1 February 2020 should not attend school or child care services for a period of 14 days after leaving China.

Travellers from Hong Kong

Any staff member or student who is currently not attending school due to being in Hong Kong should not return to school until the 14 period has expired. As of 2 February, people who have travelled in Hong Kong and not mainland China are able to attend school.

More information can be found at the [NSW Health](https://www.nsw.gov.au/health) website.

The safety and wellbeing of our school community will remain our highest priority. CEDP will continue to update this advice as it is made available.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Whitby'.

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