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Dear Parents, Carers and Staff members,

Further to my last communication, I write to advise that the staff member at St Joseph's College who underwent testing on Friday of last week for coronavirus (COVID-19) has tested positive.

The clear advice from Queensland Health however is that the staff member was not infectious whilst in attendance at the College prior to self-isolating, and consequently there is no increased risk to students or staff.

As a result, I am further advised that students and staff do not need to be quarantined, nor does the College need to close.

The staff member will remain isolated until cleared by the relevant medical professionals to return to work. Our thoughts and prayers are with the staff member and their family at this difficult time and we wish them a speedy recovery.

The impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are changing on a daily basis and I will continue to advise you of any new information relevant to the College community.

Given this identified case in our College, it is even more important for us all to be alert to our own health and to continue to take protective action. Should any student, staff or family member develop symptoms of COVID-19, they should see a doctor or contact 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) immediately.

Further advice and information about COVID-19 is available on the Queensland Health website: http://conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthCondition/condition/14/217/838/novel-coronavirus

I thank you for your patience and understanding during this time where we as a community are dealing with the impacts of this virus.

Please contact the College should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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