**24-hour initial closure communications**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has confirmed that a student at Holy Eucharist School has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19).

Following advice from DHHS and Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM), Holy Eucharist School will be closed for students currently learning onsite from **30th May, 2020** for 24 hours initially.

This closure will allow time for the school and DHHS to work through a contact and containment strategy.

This includes identifying and notifying any person who has been in close recent contact with the affected student who has tested positive to coronavirus (COVID-19). Affected students, their families and school staff will be notified by DHHS over the next 24 hours and supported to ensure they understand what actions to take.

Students currently learning onsite are advised to remain at home while contact tracing occurs. They must limit movements to home-based activities and not attend public places.

I understand this news will be concerning for many of you. I want to assure you we are doing everything we can to contain and slow the spread of the virus and ensure the health and safety of our whole school community.

The school is being supported by DHHS and CEM regarding our next steps and appropriate action.

The school will update all families once the contact tracing has been completed and a decision about reopening the school facilities for students is made. We will continue to keep you informed as further updates become available.

More information regarding coronavirus and schools is available on the [DHHS](https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus) and [CEM](https://www.cem.edu.au/Coronavirus.aspx) websites.

Yours sincerely,

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