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A special message to the parents and caregivers of children at Mt Gravatt High regarding excursions.

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I am writing to update you about the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and in particular, provide information about school excursions and inter-state travel.

As you are aware, health authorities across the nation and globally are continuing to respond to the emergence of the Coronavirus that has emanated from China.

Our school always follows the advice of public health authorities in these circumstances and I thank you for your support to date as we navigate this situation.

At present, the current travel ban only relates to all school/departmental student and staff international travels only.

School-based domestic travel and planned excursions can proceed as planned and health authorities have indicated there is no need to limit normal day-to-day activities.

We want to maintain normal programs for our students as much as possible.

We are alert to potential illness risks associated with excursions and we will be taking extra precautions and doing extra promotion of hand and personal hygiene, in accordance with the health authority's advice.

We will also be actively monitoring student wellness while away on excursion and intervening early on any signs of illness. If children are feeling unwell, I would ask that you take protective action and keep them home to aid our management of wellness across our school community.

We will continue to be guided by advice from Queensland Health and planned excursions will be reassessed for any additional risks as we move forward.

In regards to the Year 7 Camp, we have taken the decision to cancel the camp given the potential risks and likelihood that there could be more than 500 students at the camp. There will be further communication from the school regarding options around refunds.

Should you have any concerns regarding a particular excursion, please do not hesitate to contact your children's teacher or our leadership team.

Queensland Health continues to actively manage the situation across the state and I will keep you informed on the back of any further advice from Queensland Health.



Again, thank you for your ongoing support in keeping our students and community healthy and hygienic.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ross Robertson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ross Robertson

Principal