

1st June 2009

Dear Parents,

You need to be aware that one of our Year 11 students has a confirmed diagnosis of the H1N1 (Swine) Influenza. She and her family have been quarantined by the Department of Human Services.

At this stage we have been advised by DHS to contact parents and to provide them with the following information:

Specific concerns from parents about H1N1 Influenza can be referred to any of the following:

- **The Swine Influenza Hotline Tel. 180 2007**
- **Nurse-on-Call Tel. 1300 606 024** – for expert health information and advice (24 hours, 7 days)
- **Your doctor (GP)** – if you have an influenza-like illness (fever, cough and fatigue) and have travelled to Mexico or California, Arizona, New Mexico or Texas in the past seven days.

*Families should continue with standard good general health hygiene practices, such as **ensuring your children undertake regular hand washing and cover their nose and mouth if sneezing and coughing.***

This practice is being reinforced with your children while at school.

If your children are unwell, you should seek medical attention and avoid public places and close contact with others.

The Department of Human Services is also asking parents of children returning from USA, Canada, Japan, Mexico and Panama to voluntarily keep their children home for seven (7) days from arrival back in Australia. This is a further precautionary measure to assist in managing the further spread of the virus.

It is important to note that DHS is advising that the current cases of H1N1 Influenza are exhibiting mild symptoms of illness, similar to other flu viruses that are common during winter.

We will keep parents informed of any further developments.

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Principal