



Catholic Education
Diocese of Parramatta

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Dear parents and carers

As you may know, St Patrick's Marist College Dundas has been closed from Monday to Wednesday this week to support the school community and health officials in their response to the diagnosis of two students with COVID-19 (coronavirus). The College will reopen on Thursday 12 March.

People required to self-isolate as a result of being assessed by NSW Health as a 'close contact' of one or both of the St Patrick's Marist College students with COVID-19 have been notified. Students who are self-isolated will continue to be supported in their learning at home until they are able to return safely to the College.

The health and wellbeing of students is our priority as we continue to work with NSW Health and the Department of Education to respond to COVID-19. There are no other Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta school closures scheduled. If this changes, we are well prepared to respond and will keep you updated.

We are committed to ensuring students' continued learning throughout this period. This means that if further school closures are necessary, each school will provide appropriate support to students based on the systems and resources available. Of course, this varies from school to school and different approaches are appropriate based on the age and stage of students too.

A reminder that the advice from NSW Health for any student or staff member who feels unwell is to not attend school and to seek medical advice, but call ahead first. Detailed information about hygiene and handwashing is available at: <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/COVID-19>.

I want to thank the community of St Patrick's Marist College and each of you for your understanding and cooperation at this time.

Regards

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