

Thursday 5 March 2020

Urgent advice regarding overseas school excursions

Dear colleagues,

The situation regarding coronavirus has continued to evolve.

Victoria's Chief Health Officer has this evening issued updated advice that overseas school excursions should cease, except to New Zealand and Canada.

Based on this advice, any overseas school excursions should not proceed until further notice, except to New Zealand and Canada.

The Department is preparing frequently asked questions and a template letter to support you in communicating these updates to your school communities, which will be available on the Department's website tomorrow (Friday 6 March).

For urgent enquiries, schools can phone 1800 338 663 or email travel.policy.advice@edumail.vic.gov.au

The Commonwealth Government also updated travel restrictions this week.

The extension to existing travel restrictions now applies to visitors from South Korea, Iran and mainland China. Visitors who are not Australian citizens or permanent residents, or their dependants will not be allowed entry into Australia.

The Commonwealth Government has also advised that visitors from Italy will also be subject to enhanced health screening and temperature testing arrangements.

Please refer to the Department's [coronavirus web page](#) for the latest advice and information. The Department will continue to review health and travel advice in collaboration with health authorities as the situation evolves.

Thank you for your understanding.

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