

## RESPONSE AND ADVICE TO PARENTS RE CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

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From: St Andrews GreekSchool <standrewsgsls1@gmail.com>

Dear Parents

Yesterday we sent out the email updating parents about the actions that we as a school community are required to take in response to **CORONAVIRUS COVID-19**. This is a hard copy of the email circulated so all our parents and guardians are aware of their responsibilities and the measures we may be asking our parents to take.

- Further to that email we also wish to advise parents and guardians that the Organising Committee for the Commemoration of Greek National Day has advised us that this year's Greek Independence Day Commemoration Service and the **PARELASI scheduled for Sunday the 22nd of March have now been CANCELLED**. This is based on advice from the Department of Health and medical experts.
- Any parent who has paid a deposit for the bus to attend the PARELASI, please come and see Stelios either in the staff room on Friday or the school reception area on Saturday to get a refund.
- We have also taken measures at our school to temporarily cancel the normal pre-commencement assembly and prayer we ask students to now go directly to their class where they will have prayer before commencement in their classroom.
- Greek Dancing lessons will continue but they will be conducted in a modified way, that is, it will be **non contact**.
- We are in regular contact with the schools which we hire facilities from and should any circumstance arise we will inform parents immediately.
- Any family who has not submitted a 2020 Enrolment form is requested to fill one out immediately, either fill it out on line via the website link <https://www.standrewsgreekschool.com/enrol> or request a hard-copy enrolment form from the school.

From: **St Andrews Greek School** <standrewsgsls1@gmail.com>  
Date: Thu, 12 Mar 2020 at 16:43  
Subject: RESPONSE AND ADVICE TO PARENTS RE CORONAVIRUS COVID-19  
To: helen Lambris <helenlambris@gmail.com>

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to you in response to **CORONAVIRUS COVID-19** and as to what measures we as a school need and are required to undertake during this period of heightened health alert.

Our Greek Language School as a member school within the Community Languages Victoria and Community Languages Australia Organizations is bound by their governance policies and regulations specifically with regards to our responsibilities with our students and reporting to the Department of Education and Training.

Below is an email from Community Languages Victoria and the Executive Director which we wish to share with you which gives us clear guidance and advice which we as a member school are obliged and required to follow.

**Our Greek School will be fully adhering to both the Victorian Department of Education and the Australian Government Department of Health advisories which have been issued on their websites, link provided below. Our school is not exempt from any of the directions given by Government.**

**DET Link** <https://education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

We ask that parents and guardians become familiar with these advisory sites and remain updated with what the latest advice is from the Government as it is constantly being updated.

**From the email below the take away points and what needs to be reinforced are:-**

- Wash hands regularly
- Cough and sneeze into your arm -elbow
- Avoid any unnecessary touching
- Watch out for the signs

### ACTIONS REQUIRED BY OUR SCHOOL

- If a child has been excluded from its day school for quarantine purposes they must not come to the community language schools for that period**
- Schools need to ensure all their data – contact numbers, emails to parents are updated.**

### THIS IS IMPORTANT.

**THERE ARE CURRENTLY SEVERAL FAMILIES WHO HAVE NOT FILLED OUT A CURRENT 2020 ENROLMENT FORM IF YOU HAVE NOT FILLED OUT AN ENROLMENT FORM THIS YEAR, EITHER ONLINE OR AT THE SCHOOL, YOU MUST DO SO IMMEDIATELY. (A separate email will be sent out to families today asking those families that haven't submitted enrolment forms as yet to do so.)**

- Parents and students will be provided with updated advice
- If a case is detected we will advise the authorities immediately and then follow the steps to inform the school community

### POTENTIAL SCHOOL CLOSURES AND CANCELLATIONS OF EVENTS

The Australian Government has released a COVID-19 Emergency Response plan. This plan entails measures that may need to be taken to contain the spread of COVID-19 within Australia. The plan includes measures such as social distancing, which may include school closures. At some point COVID-19 may present within our school community and may involve a short-term school closure.

### We are required to Watch For Symptoms and Report Absences

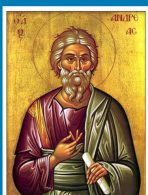
During this time, if it occurs, we ask all of our families to remain vigilant in checking for symptoms of COVID-19. Symptoms may include, but are not limited to; fever, cough, sore throat, fatigue & shortness of breath. If any of these symptoms are present, please keep your child home from school and seek medical attention.

Any student that displays any cold like symptoms should not be at school in any case. Common colds can also spread rapidly between children.

Regards

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### Operating Greek Schools at:-

Blackburn English Language School  
120 Eley Rd East Burwood, 3151  
Friday 5:30-8:30PM

Livingston Primary School  
29 Livingstone Rd, Vermont South, 3133  
Saturday 9:30AM-12:30PM