

LETTER FOR YEAR 12 PARENTS AND YEAR 11S STUDYING A YEAR 12 SUBJECT

Dear Parents and Guardians

About two weeks ago I wrote to you and placed information on our website about the H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) virus.

As you will be aware a small number of schools have been affected by H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu). At this time, current confirmed cases of H1N1 Influenza are exhibiting mild symptoms of illness, typical of the usual seasonal influenza virus.

With mid-year exams and assessments approaching, I am conscious of the potential for H1N1 Influenza to impact Year 12 students and of the potential flow-on impact on their year-end results.

At Mount Eliza Secondary College we have been able to maintain the VCE Study Centre as a Year 12 only area for this week as the Year 11 students are writing exams. Antibacterial hand wash has been purchased and signs erected reminding students to be hygienic. Year 12 students will be allowed to go home if they have spare periods over the next few weeks to limit their contact with others.

I would encourage parents to work with their children to limit their social interaction until after the midyear examination period by avoiding cinemas, large gatherings, etc. and highlighting the importance of good hygiene practices.

I appreciate the support you are giving your children at this time.

Additional Information

- Anyone with influenza-like symptoms should present to their doctor for the best possible advice. Any other queries regarding H1N1 Influenza can be directed to:
- 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 a VCE student is affected during exam periods then normal processes for special provision will apply and the school should contact the VCAA.

Kind regards

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Principal