Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Expansion of the 7 day exclusion period to include students returning to Queensland from Victoria

As you know, a decision has been made at a national level to introduce a range of additional measures to reduce the spread of Influenza H1N1 09 (Human Swine Flu).

Given the large proportion of confirmed Swine Flu sufferers in the state of Victoria, Australian Health authorities have issued a new directive: that school students and children in early childhood education entering Queensland from Victoria are now required to be excluded from school for seven days from their return to Queensland.

This move is designed to help protect Queensland students against the spread of Human Swine Influenza and is in addition to the requirement that students arriving in Queensland from the United States of America, Mexico, Canada, Panama and Japan be excluded from school for seven days after their arrival in Queensland.

Students and young children affected by the seven day exclusion are asked to stay home and limit contact with others (including children attending schools, childcare centres and kindergartens).

Please note that this means that any student who attended this week’s State of Origin rugby league match in Melbourne must not attend school for seven days after their return to Queensland.

If you have a child who has returned, or is to return from one of the affected areas, please advise the school and ensure that your child remains at home for seven days even if they do not have symptoms. The seven days includes weekends and public holidays. If your child becomes unwell, please seek immediate medical advice from your general practitioner.

Your child’s school will provide school work which may be completed at home during the seven day exclusion. There will be no school supervision provided to students during the seven day exclusion.

Brisbane Catholic Education has taken this step as a precautionary measure, in line with directives from Health authorities. We apologise for any inconvenience that you may suffer as a result of this necessary action which has been taken to safeguard the health of our students.

Please feel free to make contact with us if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

Principal