

22 July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

In line with advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government has announced that people in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire must wear a face covering when they leave home from 11.59pm on Wednesday 22 July 2020.

Face coverings will be mandatory for people aged 12 and over. These measures will slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) and help protect our community.

In schools, this means that school-based staff and secondary school students in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire will be required to wear a face covering.

The Victorian Chief Health Officer has advised that any face covering will be acceptable – it does not need to be a surgical mask.

#### **For schools in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire**

Students who attend primary school for on-site supervision will not be required to wear a face covering. Students who are aged 12 by Year 6 will not be required to wear face coverings.

All secondary school students who are attending on-site for Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) or on-site supervision will need to wear a face covering, including when travelling to and from school.

Students who have a medical condition - including problems with their breathing, a serious skin condition on the face, a disability or a mental health condition - are not required to wear a face covering. This includes students who attend specialist schools. Please contact the General Office on 57711300 for further discussions if your child is in one of the categories listed. We will be able to issue a letter for students to carry with them when they are travelling to and from school.

Parents/carers will be required to wear face coverings whenever they leave the house, including for school drop off and pick up.

I have added some posts about making and wearing face coverings to our Facebook page over the last week. You may have some other ideas to share too.

Thank-you for your support with returning all our students to learning for Term 3, whether on-site or off-site.

Kind regards

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Executive Principal

