



3rd August 2020

Dear Parents, cares and students,

Following on from my letter on Friday regarding the mandatory wearing of face masks commencing today, once again the goal posts have changed and new restrictions have been put in place with remote learning from home starting tomorrow across the state of Victoria.

The Victorian Government announced that, on the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer, regional and rural Victoria will move to Stage 3 restrictions and metropolitan Melbourne will move to Stage 4 restrictions to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

These requirements apply to all schools across the government, Catholic and independent sectors and across all metropolitan Melbourne and rural and regional Victoria.

The changes to schools' operations will come into effect from Wednesday 5 August, following a student free day on Tuesday 4 August, and are likely to apply until the end of Term 3.

As outlined in the Chief Health Officer's advice on Friday, schools remain safe places for staff and students - but these steps are critical measures to reduce the movement of students and families across the state.

There are implications for our school, and for families in our school community.

A summary of what the changes mean for our school is below.

- Monday 3rd August will be a 'normal' day of school under current arrangements, with students attending on-site asked to take all their necessary learning materials home.
- Tuesday 4th August will be a student-free day across Victoria to enable teachers, especially in rural and regional Victoria, to prepare for flexible and remote learning.
- Wednesday 5th August will be the first day of new arrangements for schools across Victoria.
- Take home learning packages will be available from 10am on Wednesday until 4pm and can be collected from the undercover outdoor seating areas. This will contain enough work until the next collection date (Wednesday 5th August to Thursday 13th August).
- If your child requires a laptop, these will be ready for collection on Wednesday and will require a parent signature.
- Prep to Year 10 students will move to remote and flexible learning. On-site supervision in rural and regional Victoria will be available to:
 - To children whose parents cannot work from home.
 - Vulnerable children
 - Any child with a disability.



Pick up and collection dates of work.

- Wednesday 5th August pick up. Drop off of work for correction Friday 14th August. Collection of new work Friday 14th August.
- Drop off of work for correction Friday 21st August. Collection of new work Friday 21st August.
- Drop off of work for correction Friday 28th August. Collection of new work Friday 4th September.
- Drop off of work for correction Friday 11th September. Collection of new work Friday 11th September.
- Drop off of work for correction **Thursday 17th September.**

Please make sure that all returned work has your child's name on it.

Our last day of Term 3 is Friday 18th September and the first day of Term 4 is Monday 5th October.

We will continue to keep in touch during this difficult time. Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Kind regards

Sarah Walker
Acting principal