

COVID-19 UPDATE 27

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As I am sure you are aware, the Premier has further loosened the COVID-19 restrictions on, amongst other things, mask wearing and the number of people who may gather. Clarification on the effects that the decision may have on a number of education scenarios is yet to arrive, but I wanted to keep you as up to date as we can be at this time.

Family members of isolating persons

If a family member is isolating following a COVID test other family members may attend the college. If a family member is directed to isolate due to exposure to an outbreak other family members should not attend the college until the all clear is given.

Masks

Secondary students need to wear them when inside, so they need to continue to bring a mask to school each day. When outside and when they can physically distance then they may remove their masks. Students will also need to continue to wear masks on the buses to and from school.

Parents at School

Parents should remain in their vehicles before and after school. Kinder parents may leave their vehicle to bring their children over to sign them in 5 minutes before sign-in time or 5 minutes before collection time.

If you are collecting your child early you should contact the college reception and wait outside for them to come out to you.

Excursions

The Premier has announced that Victorian schools can resume excursions. We are very excited to be able to plan for a number of end-of-year celebrations for our students. Please rest assured that the college is conducting covid-safe risk assessments on all planned excursions. However, if you have any concerns, please contact your child's Head of Sub School.

End of Year Graduations and Assemblies

While there were changes to the numbers, we are able to have inside for religious and catered events, the education department has not updated their conditions and we are waiting for advice. We are looking at having sub-school assemblies at the end of term. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to attend these events and arrangements are being made to livestream some of these events. Your Head of Sub-School will keep you informed regarding this.

Survey

I would like to use this letter to extend a very big Thank You to those who participated in the latest Parent Survey. There was an overwhelmingly positive response from our parent community regarding the way the college has facilitated remote learning and communication this year, and we thank you for that feedback. We also want to acknowledge and let you know that we welcome your suggestions for ways we can look to improve in the coming years.

With just over two weeks to go until our students finish their extraordinary 2020 school year, can I remind you of the words from Hebrews 12, "Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus..."

Yours faithfully in His service



John Metcalfe

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