

Parent Update Tuesday 21st July

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3!

We return to schooling differently to how we had hoped, but as always, we will do the best we can and we will once again get through this **together!**

Thank you to parents who have already expressed their gratitude and sent messages of support to your children's teachers acknowledging the hard work in preparing for Remote Learning 2.0. As always, please continue to share your feedback as we certainly want to know where we are hitting the mark and where we can adapt to better meet the needs of all in our community.

During the past two days we have unfortunately experienced internet issues which were experienced by many schools in Metropolitan Melbourne due to a centralised issue at Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM). I realise that this may have caused frustration and disappointment when trying to run Zoom sessions or when trying to play pre-recorded videos, but I am assured that CEM staff are working towards rectifying the issue.

Earlier this week, the Victorian Government announced that those in Metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire must wear a face covering when they leave home from 11.59 pm 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 school community.

We have been advised that students who attend primary school for onsite supervision will not be required to wear a face covering. In addition, students who are aged 12 by Year 6 will not be required to wear face coverings. The Victorian Chief Health Officer has advised that it is not practical to require some primary school students to wear face coverings while others are not required to.

As you may be aware, parents and carers will be required to wear face coverings whenever they leave the house, including for school drop-off and pick-up.

Students or staff 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.

Thank you for your support in limiting the spread of COVID-19 and keeping our school community safe.

The Department of Health and Human Services website has [advice about face coverings](#), including:

- which different types can be used
- how to make your own
- how to safely wear one
- how to safely remove it.

Assuring you of our total commitment to supporting you and your children during Remote Learning 2.0 and I will continue to keep you up-to-date as new advice and announcements are made concerning our school.

Stay safe and stay well!

***With every best wish,
Linda***