



13th July, 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Following on from the Victorian Government announcements in relation to arrangements for schools in Victoria for Term 3 please see additional information below.

It is very important to note that the advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer is that schools can continue to operate. The Victorian Chief Health Officer has also provided advice about the health measures that should be taken by staff and students, and we will be following these.

It is, however, also important that face-to-face teaching be maintained for some students. To provide further assurance, our school, along with all other government schools in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire, will be conducting temperature checks of all students at the start of the day. If your child does have a temperature, you will be asked to collect them from school.

The new arrangements are set out in detail below.

Monday 13th – Friday 17th July

These are pupil free days for students Prep to Year 6. During this time staff will prepare for the change to remote and flexible learning. As already indicated, we will be implementing Seesaw for students as an online platform and hard packs will be available as an additional support.

The school will provide an on-site supervision program for students who need it during this week. This program is available for students where parents/carers cannot work from home and no other arrangements can be made and for vulnerable students. These forms will need to be submitted to the school as soon as possible to assist with planning this week.

Monday 20th July onwards

The school will be moving to remote and flexible learning. The following students are able to attend school for on-site supervision, but will also undertake the remote learning program:

- children of parents/carers who cannot make suitable arrangements to supervise children at home, including children of teachers in government schools who are required to return to work on-site
- vulnerable students as identified by the school
- students with disabilities who choose to attend on site.

The Department has a range of options for you to continue to support your students in their learning, available at the *Learning from Home* website [education.vic.gov.au/homelearning](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/homelearning).

The latest information about coronavirus (COVID-19) and schools is on the Department of Education and Training website: [education.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)

The Victorian Chief Health Officer has confirmed that the use of face masks or coverings by adults or children is not recommended in schools at this time. As has always been the case, students who wish to wear face masks in school and in going to and from school may do so.

If you would like health information from the Department of Health and Human Services, you can visit [dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)

I will continue to communicate with you as soon as we receive further information.

Yours sincerely,

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