



COVID UPDATE

9th August 2021

Dear families,

Earlier today we received the attached media releases from the office of the Premier.

This release outlines the lifting of restrictions to Regional Victoria from tonight at 11:59pm. This means that schools in regional Victoria will return to on-site teaching tomorrow.

Metropolitan Melbourne will continue to work in the remote-learning space and accommodate the needs of students as best as possible.

Currently the school operation works as follows:

- Limited number of students on-site from families where both parents are essential workers and/or students are identified as vulnerable
- Limited staff numbers are on-site to work with these students
- All other staff are at home, setting tasks, planning for additional lockdown periods and providing feedback to students
- Education support staff are on-site to support student learning.

Given the high number of students on-site it is proving quite a challenge to support each of them at their own level with a low number of staff available. When teachers are on-site they are not connecting with their grades remotely. Staff working remotely are not connecting with students on-site due to challenges with connections, timing and support for students to engage.

I ask parents to acknowledge the high level of work for both staff and students. This situation is very stressful for everyone involved, many of our teachers are also trying to support their own children at home with remote learning.

Unfortunately, we have seen an increase in the negativity by some parents especially when dropping off or collecting students. This is very upsetting given the many hours committed to helping students.

Please be mindful of what others are going through and think twice before making comments that may not be pleasant.

We sincerely appreciate all the positive comments and support for the students and staff as we endeavour to move through this situation together.

Regards,

Ross Carlson
Principal