



COVID UPDATE

23rd August 2021

Dear families,

Yesterday the Premier, Mr Dan Andrews announced further restrictions.

Some of the changes include primary aged students being asked to wear a mask. Whilst it is not mandatory students are encouraged to wear a mask if they can. If your child is attending school, they can wear a mask however the school will not force it upon them. Parents are asked to discuss this with your child.

There have been changes to the set-up for authorised workers and the information below affects students already attending.

- Authorised workers need to be working on-site in order to send their children to school
- A permit must be obtained from the employer and provided to the school
- An attendance form each week must be completed the week prior to confirm attendance
- If a permit is not provided, students may not be able to attend
- Those deemed vulnerable do not need to provide a work/travel permit

It is important to note that students who are unwell will not be allowed at school. Recently we are seeing students arrive who clearly have a cold or are unwell and should not be at school. Families are reminded that students need to stay home until they are well enough to attend.

Due to the increased number of COVID cases and risk to the community the school will have to limit the number of students attending on-site. If your child can work from home, even if it is one day a week they must stay home.

It is important to note that if a staff member falls ill, the school may have to shut completely which affects the entire community. Parents are asked to find ways to keep students' home if they can.

Attendance forms are available through the office. Please contact the school for one to be emailed to you.

Permits need to be emailed or a hard copy provided to the school from tomorrow (Tues 24th Aug). The office will contact you if you have not provided one and discuss your options.

It is important to note that in order to attend the office you need to sign in using the QR code as well as wear a mask. If you are not wearing a mask please do not enter the office area. You can call the school on 5996 1142 to talk with a staff member.

Finally, the challenges in our current climate are tough. As difficult as times are it is important we continue to be resilient, stoic and determined to see this through. Our children need an education, our children need us, as parents and teachers, to continue to support them and guide them through the day.

Regards,

Ross Carlson
Principal