

## **COVID 19 REGULATIONS UPDATE**

Dear Parents,

As you are most likely aware, for the remainder of Term 3 the Victorian Government has made a series of significant announcements, in line with advice from the Chief Health Officer, about restrictions to help slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). These being:

- Since Sunday 2 August, Stage 4 restrictions are in place across metropolitan Melbourne.
- Since Wednesday 5 August, Stage 3 restrictions are in place throughout regional Victoria, including Mitchell Shire.

Therefore, Remote and flexible learning is in place across Victoria for All Victorian Catholic schools for the remainder of Term 3, with the exception of specialist schools in regional Victoria.

Families are to be assured that our extended and increased cleaning arrangements continue, this involves progressive cleaning throughout the day to ensure that risks of transmission are reduced for high-touch surfaces and the sanitizing of staff and students hands is regular and systematic throughout the day.

Beginning tomorrow (Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020) we will be implementing the additional requirements (temperature screening) for those staff and students working onsite during these times.

Based on guidance from Victoria's Chief Health Officer, in order to support community awareness of the symptoms of COVID-19 and to help identify children displaying symptoms, all schools should undertake temperature screening of students participating in the onsite supervision program while the stay at home restrictions are in place.

On arrival, staff and students will have their temperature screened, and when necessary the parents will be notified immediately if a high temperature is recorded. This process will be conducted as discretely as possible to ensure calm and efficient procedure.

At St Mary's the health, wellbeing and safety of students and staff remains front of mind. We want to reassure you that our school remains a safe place for staff and students.

We once again thank teachers, staff, students and families for their incredible efforts during these challenging times, and with your support, we can once again flatten the curve of this pandemic in Victoria.

Kind Regards,

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