

20<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As I am sure you are aware by now, the Victorian Government has announced that from 11:59pm on Wednesday, the wearing of facemasks in Metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire will become mandatory.

In summary, when people in those areas leave their homes for permitted reasons - to shop for essentials; to provide care; for exercise; and to work and study if it can't be done at home – they will be required to wear a mask or face covering. The fine for not wearing a face covering will be \$200.

The announcement and subsequent comments by the Premier to the media included details regarding schools, teachers and school-age children:

- **The requirement does not apply to children under 12 years of age.**
- **But it does apply to all students (12 years and over) attending school for VCE, VCAL or onsite supervision.**
- **Teachers don't have to wear a face covering while teaching.**
- **Everyone (12 years or over) will be expected to wear one on the way to and from school if walking, travelling by public transport or in a car if travelling with people other than those from your own household.**

The vast majority of students will, of course, be learning at home until at least 19<sup>th</sup> August. Last week, I sent you a copy of our **Remote and Onsite Learning Guide**. This is continually being updated and can be found on our College website. As with the last round of Remote Learning, our College staff will continue to support you in every way we can. We understand that this, once again, is incredibly difficult, but will endeavour to partner with you throughout these challenging times.

Please contact the College office if you have any questions or queries and of course I will continue to keep you informed if and when anything changes.

Yours faithfully



Damian Higgins  
Principal