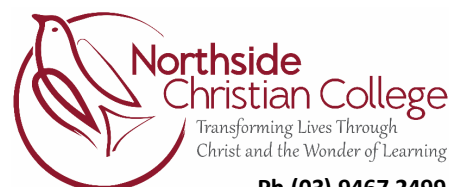


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**TO: PARENTS OF PREP – YEAR 12 STUDENTS**

**RE: NEW RESTRICTIONS**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This morning, the Victorian Government announced new restrictions to be implemented from 6:00pm on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The restrictions include:

- Private gatherings at home will be limited to five people per day
- Public gatherings will be limited to 30 people
- Face masks will need to be worn indoors, unless an exemption applies

Schools and workplaces will remain open with the current restrictions. There are no changes to existing density rules in school settings.

Commencing on Wednesday, 26th May 2021, staff, visitors, and Secondary School students aged 12 years and over are required to wear a face mask while inside College buildings. Staff, visitors, and students are not required to wear face masks while outside. Some students and staff are exempt from these requirements. The same exemptions to the wearing of face masks apply in schools as when people are out in the community. This includes students who are over the age of 12 and are unable to wear a face mask due to the nature of their disability. This also includes students or staff who have a medical condition, such as problems with their breathing, a serious skin condition on the face, a disability or a mental health condition.

We advise the College community to continue monitoring the public exposure sites in Victoria, which are published online at: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/exposure-sites>.

Key behaviours required for reducing COVID-19 transmission risk at Northside Christian College include staying home when unwell, performing regular hand hygiene, and where possible supporting physical distancing. The most important action our community can take to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19, is to ensure that any unwell staff and students remain at home and get tested, even with the mildest of symptoms.

For more information about where you can have a COVID test, please refer to:

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/where-get-tested-covid-19>.

Northside Christian College implements a range of COVID safe strategies including QR code check-ins for visitors, cleaning of high touch services, promoting good hand hygiene practices, opening windows and doors for more ventilation, limiting food handling and sharing of food in the workplace, promoting physical distancing, and encouraging non-contact greetings.

The College maintains a webpage about the College's response to the Coronavirus. This resource is available at: <https://www.ncc.vic.edu.au/college-response-to-the-coronavirus>.

We continue to pray to God and lean on Him during this time. Joshua 1:9 encourages us, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God goes with you wherever you go."

If you have any questions about the College's approach to COVID safety, please contact the College Office.

Yours sincerely,

**Michael Bond**  
Acting Principal