

9<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As we had hoped, the acting Premier James Merlino has announced this morning an end to the Melbourne Metropolitan lockdown at 11.59pm Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and **onsite learning will resume at Northside Christian College from Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021.**

**Commencing on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June**, 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 no longer required to wear face masks while outside unless you are unable to apply social distancing. 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.

Northside Christian College implements a range of COVID safe strategies including QR code checkins 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 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>.

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.

We look forward to welcoming all students back again on Friday morning at 8:40am.

As always, please contact the College Office if you have any questions or queries.

Yours faithfully



Damian Higgins  
Principal