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Dear parents and carers,

## RE: COVID-19 UPDATED REQUIREMENTS

You may be aware that the Victorian Government has announced changes to the COVID-19 isolation requirements.

This means that from 11.59pm on Wednesday 12 October, the mandatory orders around isolation for people with COVID-19 have ended and instead we move to health advice and recommendations for people with COVID-19 or COVID-19-like symptoms. The Department of Education has asked that schools inform their communities of the below information.

Our school will continue to adhere to the Department of Health's recommendations to ensure that our school remains a safe environment for our staff and students.

The Department of Health **strongly recommends** that students and school staff:

- Who test positive to COVID-19 stay home and isolate for 5 days and do not attend school after 5 days if they are still symptomatic.
- Who are symptomatic but have not tested positive do not attend school. This does not include students with pre-existing conditions such as hay fever.

Parents and carers are recommended to continue to report their child having COVID-19 to both the school and the Department of Health.

We will, however, no longer report occurrences of positive cases to the school community.

Where **students** become unwell or symptomatic at school, we will continue to contact parents to collect their child.

We ask parents and carers to continue to remain vigilant in preventing COVID-19 transmission. Any student who is unwell should continue to remain at home. This is about keeping students healthy and well in our school and reducing the spread of both COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases.

Free rapid antigen tests are available at the school for those who need them.

Parents and carers will be contacted if their child shows symptoms while at school.

Students who wish to wear a mask should continue to do so.

To keep our school as safe as possible, we will also continue to use air purifiers and other COVID-19 prevention measures, as directed by the Department of Education.

Thanks for your continued efforts to keep our school community safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

Jason Cox

Principal