



July 21, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that the return to remote learning has been smooth for you and your family. Our teachers have reported that yesterday went relatively smoothly and that most students seemed ready to get back into their learning. We had eight new families join our community this week and a few more to follow over the coming days, so if you think all these changes have been confusing for you, spare a thought for the parents who are now learning their second set of online remote learning tools! Yet again, there are some matters that I need to update you on (I'm seriously considering giving the politicians a run for their money and conducting a live daily briefing to keep you all in the loop!):

**Class attendance – new process:**

Teachers are taking attendance at Learning Mentor Group each morning (8.50am), and students are expected to be in their WEBEX LM at this time with their cameras turned on. This will assist our LMs to do a wellbeing check, but also helps us meet our roll-taking obligations. There will be House Competitions and important announcements during Learning Mentor Group each day, so please make sure your child is up and logged-in, ready to begin the day at 8.50am.

**Remote Learning Mentor Interviews:**

We conducted the first round of Remote Learning Mentor interviews yesterday afternoon and evening, and the feedback has been very positive. In all likelihood, this will become the norm in times to come (or at least an option that parents can choose), so we were pleased to see so many parents/carers available to discuss their child's progress and goals for the semester ahead.

Next Monday will be another opportunity for these important meetings to occur, although some LMs have been able to make alternative times for families that suit better (another great benefit of this new mode!). If parents/carers are intending to join the WEBEX discussion using a device other than their child's laptop (eg. own computer, tablet or even phone), please make sure you have downloaded WEBEX ahead of time. If you're having problems, please contact interview trouble-shooter, Caroline Burge.

**Masks:**

As per the recent Government announcement, from Thursday morning all secondary school students who are attending onsite will need to wear a face covering throughout the day, including when travelling to and from school. Students who have a medical condition that prohibits them wearing a face covering (including problems with their breathing, a serious skin condition on the face, a disability or a mental health condition) are not required to wear a face covering. In the first instance, we request a letter from parents/carers explaining why this might apply to your child. Further information from a medical specialist may be required.

While schools are initially being provided with a supply of paper masks to support students who might not yet have a cloth mask to wear, the presumption is that families are sourcing masks themselves. As soon as we have a sufficient stock of cloth masks at school (thanks to the VCAL students/staff and the Boarding team), we will be selling them as a fundraiser for our sister-school in East Timor. Our priority at the moment is ensuring that we have sufficient cloth masks for our boarders, and then we will turn production towards

fundraising (so we can't yet confirm when we'll be ready to begin selling). We are grateful to those families who have offered to support this endeavour in a variety of different ways – the person on site to contact is Paul Reed ([paul.reed@assumption.vic.edu.au](mailto:paul.reed@assumption.vic.edu.au)). If you're a nifty sewer and can turn over a few evenings to sew some pre-cut materials together, we'd love to hear from you!

Just for clarity, school-based staff must also wear face coverings at school, and when travelling to and from school. Teachers and education support staff will not be required to wear face coverings while teaching, but those who wish to do so can. Parents/carers will be required to wear face coverings whenever they leave the house, including for school drop-off and pick-up.

Please use discretion and common sense when supporting staff and students with these matters.

**Enrolments 2022:**

We're excited to confirm that we have nine classes of Year 7 students confirmed for 2022, and the beginnings of a wait-list for a potential tenth class. It seems people are still moving to our region! Enrolments are also well and truly underway for 2022 and as many of you know, it is now our preference to confirm enrolments when students are in Grade 5, so that we can manage their transition process more thoroughly. We managed to get some tours squeezed in a few months ago, and have now developed a wonderful virtual tour that we can use to show families what the school has to offer. If you know of any Grade 5 students who have not yet collected an enrolment pack, please encourage them to do so by completing the form on the [Enrolment Page](#) of our website.

**Parent Feedback Loop:**

Last term, we really appreciated the feedback that came through from parents about 'What's Working Well' and 'Even Better If...' If you have some information that you'd like to pass along, and you're not sure who to send it to, the [Term 3 Parent Feedback Form](#) is the mechanism to do so!

Blessings for the days ahead.



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