



## EMPOWERING YOUNG MINDS

20 July 2020

Dear Oakleigh Grammar Parents

### COVID-19 UPDATE - MASKS

As you are aware, the Victorian Government announced over the weekend further measures to control COVID-19 including the mandatory use of face masks in metropolitan Melbourne. The announcement includes specific reference to school operations.

In summary, when people leave their homes for permitted reasons, they will be required to wear a mask or face covering. This applies from 11.59pm on Wednesday 22 July, 2020. The fine for not wearing a face covering will be \$200.

### Protocols Pertaining to Oakleigh Grammar

- Junior School students (ELC to Year 5) who are on Campus are not required to wear face masks. Parents may consider supplying a face mask for Junior School students who travel to and from School on the Oakleigh Grammar bus.
- Middle and Senior School students (Years 6 to 12) who are on Campus **must wear face masks** to and from School (including on the Oakleigh Grammar School Bus) as well as on Campus.

### Middle and Senior School students are expected to wear masks at all times whilst on Campus.

The exception to this will be the temporary removal of masks for the purpose of eating and communicating with teachers in the classroom. Please note, students should generally wear masks in the classroom and they may only be removed under instruction from their teacher in a particular lesson. Equally important for our students is compliance to the School's protocols pertaining to social distancing and good hygiene.

All parents are requested to provide a face mask for your children. Cloth face masks are preferred as they can be re-used and regularly washed. Surgical face masks are effective for approximately four hours, which means students would need at least two of these per school day. The Education Minister has advised that Schools will receive a supply of surgical masks and these masks when received, will be used to distribute as a back-up measure only. If any mask is exposed to moisture, it renders the mask unusable. I encourage all parents to provide spare masks to your children to ensure their safety is maximised whilst at school. Parents are encouraged to demonstrate how students should fit their masks and also to remind them of the importance of sanitising their hands before and after removing masks.

I thank you for your support and understanding of our School's expectations in relation to students wearing a mask on Campus. Our School is guided by the Premier's office and the Education Department and I will keep you informed should there be further updates required to COVID-19 School protocols.

Yours sincerely

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