



EMPOWERING YOUNG MINDS

4 February 2021

Dear Oakleigh Grammar Parents

RE; Mask Wearing Indoors

It has been wonderful to welcome all students to the new school year and I thank you for your support of ensuring students are at School on time every morning. In particular, I enjoyed greeting our Prep students who proudly walked on our red carpet as they entered their School for the very first time.

I had the opportunity to speak to all Middle and Senior students about Oakleigh Grammar's COVID-cautious approach to the 2021 school year and will be addressing Junior School students at their assembly tomorrow.

As you are aware, late last evening, our Premier announced new COVID-19 restrictions which came into effect from midnight last night. Our School was prepared for the announcement reverting to mask wearing indoors. Middle School and Senior School parents should have received a text message early this morning advising of this development. In addition, signage was put up around our gates this morning and students were addressed about the compliance issue in their morning Home Group.

Please ensure, if your child is in Middle or Senior School that they have a mask in their possession each day. At this time, Middle and Senior School students will be required to wear masks whilst indoors at our School, however, during instruction, teachers may allow students to remove their masks, if they are comfortable to do so, as per educational government guidelines. Any student who had an exemption from wearing a mask for medical reasons last year will need to obtain a new medical clearance from their doctor, which will be applicable to the 2021 school year.

Oakleigh Grammar's bus service is akin to public transport regulations and hence, I remind you that all Middle and Senior School students are required to wear a mask whilst utilising the service.

All parents and visitors entering our School Reception and ELC will be required to wear a mask.

As Principal, my priority is to ensure the safety of all students and staff and therefore our School has acted responsibly in accordance with the new statewide restrictions. I wish to provide you assurance that Oakleigh Grammar is prepared to respond meaningfully to any further developments pertaining to COVID-19 this year.

I thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

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