



EMPOWERING YOUNG MINDS

1 September 2021

Dear Parents

As you are likely aware, Premier Andrews announced this afternoon that Remote Learning will remain in place for the remainder of this term.

I am pleased to advise that our School has planned for this eventuation which now provides us certainty for the remaining weeks of term three.

I understand our Parent / Teacher and Student Led Conferences have been and are going well over all and your part in these important opportunities is very much appreciated. Please ensure you take the opportunity to provide feedback to your son or daughter's teachers in how they are managing with Remote Learning at this challenging time.

Our Board, Leadership team and teachers are extremely grateful for your support of our School and in particular for the support of your daughters and sons this term; we didn't really anticipate such a long Lockdown when we commenced this term but we had confidence that we were fully prepared to transition to Remote Learning in such circumstances.

I am delighted with the creativity demonstrated by our teachers, and indeed our students to ensure the balance of instruction has been complemented with supporting the mental health of our students. Many welcome smiles have been brought to our teachers and students with the introduction of theme days, fun video clips and quizzes and the like. Our ELC continues to operate with our co-educators now on the front line of supervising students on campus and supporting our teaching staff with a real sense of team spirit.

With acceptance that the Virus will be circulating in our Community and a slight change in direction to accommodate this reality by the Victorian government, we will undoubtedly have additional challenges ahead. We have been advised that vaccine rates are increasing in our State which has the aim of freeing us from strict lockdowns in the future.

The Premier also announced that the GAT has been changed to October 5 and on that note I thank our Senior School Leadership and Teachers for supporting our final year students in particular, as they have borne the brunt of two years of extensive lockdown. I seek our Senior School parents' assistance to encourage your sons and daughters to maintain their focus in order to ensure they are receiving full support from both home and school. All Year 12 students in our State are sharing this experience and credit goes to Oakleigh Grammar's pastoral teams who have been regularly monitoring, guiding and supporting all students as required at this time.



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I understand that not every family is supportive of the current vaccine push but as a School we are obligated to furnish you with the relevant information regarding vaccine expectations from the Victorian Education and Training Department. Whilst vaccines are not mandated for students, Premier Andrews has made it clear that final year students are strongly encouraged to consider vaccination. For the avoidance of doubt, Oakleigh Grammar will not develop School Policy in isolation of its regulatory requirements in relation to vaccination.

My plea to all families is for you to look after yourselves and especially your children as I know how incredibly tough this current Lockdown has been on all of us.

I conclude by reinforcing our 2021 theme: I CAN WE WILL. - our theme resonates for us as we endeavour to conclude our third term with optimism for the future.

Let us all keep supporting one another as we have been doing under the most unique and challenging life circumstances both last year and this year.

Stay Well
Stay Safe
God Bless

Yours sincerely



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