

**ST. MARY'S COLLEGE SEYMOUR** 

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Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

## Re: Covid-19 Update as of Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS).

Apologies for the late notice of this letter but this could not be helped due to the College Internet connection going down this morning.

I typed this letter earlier today after watching (with the primary classes and staff) the Brainstorm Theatre Production of the '*H Team*' – *Health and Harmony*. The two actors (Steph and Daniel) gave an excellent performance to the children in a play that focused on healthy diet; exercise; getting outdoors; brand name advertising and not being chained to computer games. F-6 classes have follow up activities to do following the performance of the *H Team*. All students were excellent in their behaviour and appreciation.

## Face Masks

Following the Government's announcement (11.59pm Wednesday 3 February) regarding new state-wide restrictions there is new guidance for schools regarding the wearing of masks.

- 1. **People aged 12 and over** must wear a fitted face mask when in public indoor spaces unless there is a lawful reason to not.
- 2. **Secondary students** must wear a face mask indoors when at school unless an exception applies.
- 3. **Staff** are not required to wear face masks while teaching or caring, but those who wish to do so, can. Staff must wear face masks in indoor areas of the school when not teaching or caring.

## Visiting the College

- Any visitor who enters the College must wear a face mask when indoors.
- Visitors report to the College Office.
- Social distancing rules apply.

## **College Opening Mass**

A reminder if you wish to attend the Opening Mass (11.30am Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February Multi-Purpose Hall) please return the Operoo for social distancing seating. Face masks must be worn.

I would recommend for secondary students to carry a mask with them especially on weekends when they are more likely to visit shops and other indoor public buildings. Thank you for your ongoing support of Covid-19 protocols. It is good to know that Victorians are taking precautions seriously – no one wants to return to 2020.

The College will inform you of any further changes as advised by MACS.

Best wishes

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