

22nd July 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

Re: Face coverings

The Hon. Daniel Andrews MP, Premier of Victoria, has announced that from 11.59 pm on Wednesday 22 July 2020, residents in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire are required to wear a face covering when leaving home.

Face coverings, including cloth face coverings or surgical masks, are now required to be used to assist in providing an additional physical barrier between people and to help reduce community transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19).

All staff at Coral Park Primary School will be required to wear face coverings when travelling to and from school and when at school in accordance with the State Governments regulations. There are some limited exceptions when face covering will not be required to be used by Teaching staff and Education Support staff, as follows:

- Teaching staff will **not** be required to wear a face covering when providing direct support to students in the classroom but will wear a face covering at all other times, including whilst undertaking yard duty.
- Education Support staff providing direct instructions and support to students in the classroom may remove their face covering if it is not practical to wear one but will wear a face covering at all other times, including whilst undertaking yard duty.

In accordance with requirements from the Victorian Government, primary school students are not required to wear a face covering irrespective of the student's age. However, individual families can make their own decisions regarding their children wearing a face covering whilst attending primary school. In this circumstance, this would need to be personally provided as the school are unable to provide masks for children.

Parents, guardians and carers are encouraged to inform their child(ren) that school staff will be using face coverings and reinforce with their child(ren) the need to wash and dry hands thoroughly and regularly, and cough and sneeze into a tissue or their elbow.

Parents, guardians and carers will also be required to wear a face covering when dropping off or picking up their child(ren), if required to collect an unwell child(ren) from the school or entering the school grounds to collect a new home learning pack as of Thursday 23rd July. 2020.

If you require clarification in relation to the use of face coverings at school or additional support, please contact the School Office on 9702 8398.

As we move through this period together, I wish to thank you for your ongoing understanding and support.

Stay safe and kind regards,

Justin Thompson
Principal
Coral Park Primary School