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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Further to the Victorian Government's announcement last Sunday with regards to the further easing of restrictions in Metropolitan Melbourne that will come into effect from 6pm Friday 29th October 2021, we are delighted to confirm <u>ALL</u> students will now return to face to face learning on a full-time basis from <u>Wednesday 3rd November 2021.</u>

Please take note of the following on-site learning protocols and guidelines for students:

- The College expects students to be in full College Summer uniform, including their hats when outdoors.
- Face masks are mandatory in all of the College's indoor settings for anyone from Year 3 and above, unless an exemption applies.
- Face masks are strongly recommended but not mandated for children in Prep to Year 2.
- Whilst masks are <u>no longer</u> required outdoors it is highly encouraged you continue to carry one with you and wear in the event you cannot physically distance.
- Students who are unwell must remain at home. It is an expectation that if a student is exhibiting any
 symptoms of being unwell, parents will keep the child at home. Parents or carers of children at
 school who are unwell will be contacted and asked to collect them as soon as possible. Students
 should not return to school until they are well and symptom-free.
- The College's Remote Learning Program will no longer be operating from Wednesday 3rd November.
- Parents are now permitted to come onto the College grounds (not classrooms) to escort their children to their classroom door. Please remember to check in using the QR codes at the entrances to the College grounds. Please limit your time on the College site to no more than 15 minutes and remember to follow physical distancing protocols.

Families in Isolation

We understand that in the coming weeks some families may be unable to send their children to school due to isolation restrictions requiring you to be home. It is important that every child has the opportunity to continue their learning in this situation, unless of course they are unwell and unable to learn. Students isolating at home are expected to continue their learning through the College's Hybrid model of Remote Learning. Please carefully read the Hybrid Learning document that has been included along with this letter.

We continue to be encouraged by God's Word during this time. **Romans 15:13** reminds us "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit".

I look forward to welcoming all students back to school on Wednesday morning at 8.40am and in the meantime if you have any questions or concerns please contact the College on 9467 2499 or email ncc@ncc.vic.edu.au.

Yours faithfully,

Damian Higgins Principal