

# MESSAGE TO PARENTS AND CARERS

Message to parents and carers in Metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire

Dear parents and carers,

Victorian Government will be making changes to how government schools are working in Term 3. Government schools in Melbourne and Mitchell Shire will have special procedures starting Week 1 of Term 3.

We will give you more information about what staff and students should do to stay healthy. Everyone needs to follow the government advice.

These special procedures will stop people from moving across Melbourne and Mitchell Shire. This will help stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Government schools will stay open. This is because for some students going to school is very important. These students can go to school:

- Students in Years 11 and 12.
- Students in Year 10 who are doing VCE or VCAL programs.
- Students in special schools.
- Students of parents and carers that cannot work from home or need extra help.

Government schools in Melbourne and Mitchell Shire will be taking the temperature of students at the start of every day. If your child has a high temperature, we will call you to take them home.

## Important information for Monday 13 to Friday 17 July

These students **WILL** go back to school on Monday 13 July:

- Students in Years 11 and 12.
- Students in Year 10 who are doing VCE or VCAL programs.
- Students in special schools.
- Students of parents and carers that cannot work from home or need extra help.

These students **WILL NOT** go back to school on Monday 13 July:

- Students in Prep to Year 10

Teachers for students in Prep to Year 10 will prepare for learning online which will start on Monday 20 July.

If you cannot work from home and nobody else can look after your child, please tell your school. The school can also help you if your children have special needs.

### Important information for Monday 20 July

Your school will be moving to online learning. These students **WILL** still come to school:

- Students in Years 11 and 12.
- Students in Year 10 who are doing VCE or VCAL programs.
- Students in special schools.
- Students of parents and carers that cannot work from home or need extra help.

Even if your child comes to school, they will be learning online. This includes:

- Children of parents or carers who cannot look after their child at home.
- Teachers in government schools who need to go to school.
- Students with special needs.
- Students with disabilities who want to go to school.

The rules for online learning are similar to the rules from Term 2.

The Department has lots of options for you to help students with learning. More information: *Learning from Home* website [education.vic.gov.au/homelearning](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/homelearning).

New information about coronavirus (COVID-19) and schools is on the Department of Education and Training website: [education.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)

You do not need to wear a face mask at school. You can wear a face mask if you want to.

Reminder: if you, your child or someone in your family has:

- a fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss of smell or taste

get tested for coronavirus (COVID-19) and stay home.

This is very important to keep our schools safe.

For more health information from the Department of Health and Human Services, you can go to this website: [dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)