



Yesterday Premier Daniel Andrews announced that from 11.59pm this Sunday, facemasks/coverings would be compulsory for all Victorians when they leave home. This includes Baw Baw Shire.

This means that **you will be required to wear a facemask/covering**. This includes whilst travelling to and from school, in school buildings and on school grounds.

There are exemption to this requirement, including **children with a disability who are exempt from wearing a face covering. However, whilst the wearing of a facemask/covering is not mandatory, we will be encouraging students, 12 years and over, to wear a mask/covering when possible.**

Next week we will print out Student ID cards for students 12 years and over, that identifies them as being a student at a Specialist School. If you choose to, you can use these cards within the community to clarify why your child may not be wearing a face covering.

Please be aware that staff are also exempt from wearing a facemask when teaching. At all other times staff will be required to wear an approved facemask.

Please remember to follow the social distancing and handwashing requirements of the school and that regular handwashing and social distancing remain the most effective way of stopping the spread of the virus.

If you have any cold and flu like symptoms, please do not attend school, stay home and get tested.

Updated guidelines from DHHS <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/updated-restrictions-announced-30-july-covid-19>

We will update you with more information when we receive communication from the Department of Education.

Regards

Matt, Alesha and the Leadership team