



Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of August, 2020

Yesterday, the Victorian Government announced that, on the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer, regional and rural Victoria will move to Stage 3 restrictions.

The advice we have received from the Department of Education is that your child is able to attend school (specialist), but if you wish to keep them home, you can do so.

*The Advice:*

**RURAL AND REGIONAL VICTORIA: *SPECIALIST SCHOOLS***

- ***Any child enrolled in a specialist school in rural and regional Victoria will be able to continue to attend.***
- ***Any parent of a child enrolled in a specialist school in rural and regional Victoria who wishes to keep their child at home can do so, and where possible, the school can provide learning materials and activities for the child and their parent to complete at home.***

**Curriculum Day:**

Tomorrow, **Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of August, has been declared a Curriculum Day** for all schools in rural and regional Victoria. This includes Specialist Schools. Staff will be using the day to prepare for the implementation of Stage 3 restrictions in our school community, including how we might support students who remain home.

**Onsite:**

The most important action school communities can take to reduce the risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19), is to ensure **that any unwell adult, child and young person remains at home.**

When onsite we ask that, everyone continue to follow the social distancing and handwashing requirements of the school. We thank everyone for their continued cooperation in this area.

Staying home when ill, regular handwashing and social distancing remain the most effective way of stopping the spread of the virus.

### **Temperature Checks:**

The advice we have received from the Department of Education is that:

*Schools located in areas under 'Stay at Home' restrictions **are required to conduct daily temperature checks of students on arrival***

Upon arrival at school, all students will be required to be temperature checked. The school Nurse will examine students with a temperature 37.5 C or over to see if they are unwell and need to return home.

### **Facemasks**

Staff and visitors to the school are required to wear facemasks. In certain circumstances, an individual may be exempt from wearing a face covering. Please inform the office if you believe you are exempt.

The advice we have received from the Department of Education in relation to students is that:

*All students over 12 are to wear a facemask except when their disability or mental health condition prevents them from wearing a face covering.*

We will be supporting students to wear a mask when possible.

### **School Communication:**

All school correspondence in relation to COVID-19 can be found on our school website under School Communication.

<http://www.wgldss.vic.edu.au/school-communication/>

We would like to thank everyone for their cooperation in meeting the new Stage 3 restrictions. Your efforts are keeping your child, their friends, and the staff as safe as possible.

Kind regards,

Matt, Alesha and the Leadership group