



The Kilmore International School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

RE: Face masks

The Victorian Government today announced further measures to control COVID-19, including the mandatory use of facemasks in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire. The announcement includes specific reference to school operations.

In summary, when people in those areas leave their homes for permitted reasons (to shop for essentials, to provide care, for exercise, and to work and study, if it can't be done at home) they will be required to wear a mask or face covering. This applies from 11:59 pm on Wednesday 22 July. The fine for not wearing a face covering will be \$200.

This morning's announcement, and subsequent comments by the Premier to the media, included details regarding schools, teachers and school-age children:

- The requirement does not apply to children under 12 years of age
- It does apply to all students attending school for IB Diploma classes or onsite supervision
- Teachers are not required to wear a face covering while teaching, but may do so if they choose
- Everyone will be expected to wear one on the way to and from school.

As I have mentioned previously, the school has a ready supply of single use face masks available for students and staff to use in class, however, it may be prudent for families to consider making or purchasing reusable cloth face masks, such as described in this [ABC News article](#) (the Cooper household had fun this afternoon converting old pillowcases and shirts!)

Each week seems to bring a new twist to how we deal with this virus. The one constant, however, is our need for teamwork and the consideration of others through our actions.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Cooper
Principal