



The Kilmore International School

3 July 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As Term 2 concluded last month, I am sure, like me, you were hoping that Term 3 would see the gradual easing of restrictions and a return to some semblance of pre-pandemic life. Regrettably, these hopes appear to be placed on hold.

You would be aware that Victoria's Chief Health Officer, Professor Brett Sutton, has spoken about the emerging incidence of COVID-19 transmission at schools, between students and between teachers. Professor Sutton said, "We are certainly seeing some evidence of student-to-student and teacher-to-teacher, especially teacher-to-teacher, transmission." He also repeated earlier advice that children were still less likely to transmit the virus, saying the current focus on testing families in hotspots was leading to more cases in children being identified - cases that otherwise might have gone undetected.

At this stage, the Premier has stated that there are no plans to return to remote learning in the Melbourne suburbs that are currently under restrictions, but that this was being reviewed daily and parents would be given as much notice as possible, if plans changed.

I undertake to keep you informed of any developments affecting our school as part of the official response to COVID-19. We are still planning for our children to return to school, on site, on July 14. To those families affected by the current lockdown, our thoughts are with you.

I wish you all the best for the coming week.

Sincerely,

Peter Cooper
Principal



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