



10 July 2020

Re: Temperature checks to be introduced in Term 3

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Daily temperature checks will be introduced at St John's Regional College and in schools across metropolitan Melbourne and the Mitchell Shire as part of the Victorian Government's effort to slow the spread of coronavirus.

Following the advice of Victoria's Chief Health Officer, students at schools will receive a temperature check every morning, with thermometers provided by the state government.

This protocol at St John's will see each student temperature tested during homeroom each morning. Students arriving late will present to student reception and be temperature tested before they attend their first class.

If a student has a temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above, schools will be required to contact parents or carers to arrange for students to return home. Families must then be encouraged to seek testing for coronavirus or the advice of their healthcare professional who can recommend next steps. I re-emphasise that the most important preventive step in managing COVID19 amongst our community is that if your child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice.

As announced on Tuesday by the State Government, students enrolled in VCE and VCAL subjects and those students whose parents or carers cannot work from home will all return to school on Tuesday 14 July (Parent Teacher Interviews take place on Monday 13 July). In addition, onsite supervised holiday programs are available next week for vulnerable students and children of essential workers. Please contact the school on **T: 8793 2000** to advise if your children in Year 7 -10 will be attending school next week -Tuesday 14 to Friday 18 July.

Students in Year 7 – 10 will delay the return from holidays until Monday 20 July to allow our teachers and school staff to prepare for a possible return to remote learning.

A decision about whether these year levels can safely return to face-to-face learning will be made by the Victorian Government in the coming week and based on the advice of our health experts.

The enhanced cleaning of our school and the provision of personal hygiene supplies including hand sanitiser will continue as per last term. We also continue to empathise restrictions on access to the school site for anyone other than immediate school staff and students.

Thank you for your ongoing support of all of our students and staff.

Yours sincerely

Tim Hogan
Principal