



12th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Cross-Border communities and the resumption of school

The Cross-Border Community is in place. The closure of the Victorian / NSW border on the weekend has prompted the need to provide clarity for our families and community regarding school and associated activities. The Cross-Border Community allowances, along with the Victorian Travel Permit / Traffic Light system, will guide our advice and decision-making throughout the course of the current border closure.

Firstly, on-site schooling will resume at the College tomorrow, Tuesday 13th July. The College Bus System and government buses will operate as per usual. Students do not require a permit to travel from NSW into Victoria tomorrow morning; the College will provide proof of identification to these students for ongoing bus travel. All students are still required to wear a face mask when travelling on school buses.

Orange and Red Zone general information:

Currently, Victoria has listed a number of states and territories as orange and red zones. Any of our families returning from an orange or red zone outside of the cross-border community should follow the guidelines found on the Victorian Department of Health website.

Cross Country event - St Arnaud:

The Regional Cross Country event to be held tomorrow, Tuesday 13th July is held in St Arnaud, which falls into the Northern Grampians Shire outside of the Victorian / NSW cross-border community. We have received advice that our NSW students are not eligible to travel outside of the border zone into Victoria. Unfortunately, these students will not be able to participate in this event.

Sporting Excursions this week:

All sporting excursions, other than the St Arnaud Cross Country, fall within the cross-border community and will proceed as organised and expected. This includes:

- LMR Junior Soccer, Tuesday 13th July in Moama
- Campaspe Basketball, Thursday 15th July in Echuca
- Campaspe Netball, Friday 16th July in Kyabram

If your child is unwell:

If a student or staff member has COVID related symptoms (runny nose, fever, cough), even the mildest of symptoms -

- Do not attend school
- Present for a COVID test (and medical advice if required)
- The student or staff member may return to school once a negative COVID result has been obtained but must wear a face mask until all symptoms have fully resolved
- Any worsening of symptoms will require review and repeat COVID testing
- All students, staff and visitors to the College should continue to actively practice good hygiene, including social distancing, hand hygiene, and cough etiquette.

Parents/carers may consider getting a medical certificate for underlying conditions (e.g. hayfever, asthma) to confirm that it is safe for the student to attend the College with symptoms that may overlap with some of the symptoms of COVID.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding the above information, please do not hesitate to contact the College.

With Peace and Goodwill,

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