

**COVID 19 Protocols**  
**(updated 12 October 2022)**

The information below has been provided with the ever changing COVID 19 protocols and guidelines provided by the Government. We will update this information, as more information becomes available.

**COVID 19 Symptoms**

• <b>Fever</b>	• <b>Diarrhoea</b>	• <b>Red or irritated eyes</b>
• Chills or shivers	• Loss of taste or smell	• Tiredness
• Cough	• Sore throat	• Brain fog
• Sneezing	• Headache	• Chest Pain
• Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath	• Loss of speech or mobility, or confusion	• Rash on skin or discolouration on fingers and or toes
• Dizzy or light headed	• Aches and Pains	• Hoarse voice
• Runny nose or congestion	• Nausea, vomiting or loss of appetite	

**COVID-19 isolation requirements have changed**

The Victorian Government has announced the end of the Pandemic Declaration and associated Pandemic Orders. The following settings, based on advice from the Department of Health, will apply from 11.59 pm Wednesday 12 October 2022.

It is strongly recommended that **students**:

- who test positive to COVID-19 should stay home and isolate for five days
- should not attend school after five days if still symptomatic
- who are symptomatic but have not tested positive should not attend school
- advise the school of the COVID-19 positive test result.

Where **students** become symptomatic at school they should:

- be collected by their parents/carers
- undergo testing for COVID-19.

It is strongly recommended that **staff**:

- who test positive to COVID-19 stay home and isolate for five days
- should not attend after five days if still symptomatic
- who are symptomatic but have not tested positive should not attend school.

### **Reporting positive COVID-19 test results**

The Department of Health recommends that a person who tests positive for COVID-19 should inform those with whom they have recently been in contact, including their workplace, schools and household.

Parents and carers will therefore be asked to continue reporting positive student COVID-19 cases to their school.

### **COVID-19 vaccination changes**

The current mandatory vaccination requirement for staff and visitors, contractors and volunteers working in specialist schools will cease to apply from 11.59 pm Wednesday 12 October. COVID-19 vaccination, including booster doses, continues to be strongly recommended for all school staff.

### **Face masks**

Staff and students who wish to wear a face mask should be supported to do so, and schools should continue to make face masks available for staff, students and visitors.

The Department of Health recommends that masks should be worn by a person who is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 when leaving home.

Additionally, the Department of Health recommends that masks should be worn by a person who has COVID-19 for 10 days after a positive test when they need to leave home.

### **Key Contacts**

To assist families in 2023, the following names and email addresses of staff members who are a key point of contact for your daughter and family, are detailed below.

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