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Wednesday 8 July, 2020

Dear parents and carers,

**Re: Change to arrangements for schools at the start of Term 3, 2020**

As you would be aware, the Victorian Government yesterday made a series of significant announcements about the introduction of new measures across metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire to reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

These include announcements about a change to arrangements for schools at the start of Term 3.

**Kurunjang Secondary College is required to follow these new arrangements.**

These new announcements apply only to schools in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire and Kurunjang Secondary College is considered to be a part of this group.

These announcements do not apply to schools in regional and rural Victoria, other than those in Mitchell Shire. Schools in those areas will continue to operate as normal from the start of Term 3 on Monday 13 July.

The new arrangements for schools that we need to follow are:

1. There will be five pupil-free days from Monday 13 to Friday 17 July for all students except for the following:
  - Students enrolled in Years 11 and 12
  - Students in Year 10 enrolled in a VCE study, for VCE lessons
  - Students enrolled in specialist schools

For our students this means that:

- Year 11 and 12 students will all attend on-site from Monday 13 July as normal. Just to clarify, the Year 10 students enrolled in VCE, will only need to attend school for their timetabled classes and they will be able to return home if they have parent approval after their face-to-face class finishes.
  - Students enrolled in Years 7 to 10 will have an additional 5 days of school holidays. The College will provide a program of care and supervision for those students whose parents/carers cannot work from home and for vulnerable students. I will notify you of the process that you will need to follow to notify us of your students attendance as soon as I can.
2. From Monday 13 to Friday 17 July staff will begin preparing for a possible move to remote and flexible learning from Monday 20 July if required. I will notify you of the details if this occurs next week.

The new arrangements are designed to give our health experts additional time to assess the situation in these communities. I know that this may mean uncertainty and another period of dislocation for you and your students however, these steps have been identified as critical measures to protect the safety of all of us.

Thank you in anticipation for the way in which I know you will respond to this challenge.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the College on 9743 9211 or email on [kurunjang.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:kurunjang.sc@education.vic.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mitsinikos', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Mitsinikos

College Principal