

08/07/20

Dear SFX Families,

I hope everyone has had a restful winter break and have kept healthy over the holidays.

The Victorian Government has made some significant announcements about the introduction of new measures for schools across metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire to reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). These include a change to arrangements for schools at the start of Term 3 2020. As our school is in an affected area, the government's new measures will apply to St. Francis Xavier School in Montmorency.

There will be one Professional Development Day and four student-free days from Monday 13 to Friday 17 July for all of our students.

One of these days, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July, was already publicised in the community as a Professional Development Day with Julie Stewart from Catholic Education Melbourne to develop our English curriculum. This will proceed as planned with **all** staff and school will be closed to **all** students.

We have been asked by the Victorian government to provide a 'holiday program' and 'childcare' for students from **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**. This is not a learning and teaching program, however this is simply childcare that will allow:

1. Those who are **Essential workers**, who cannot work from home, the ability to go to work
2. Those students who are **vulnerable**, and who would otherwise be left at home by themselves because their parents work in an Essential service.

to send their child to school from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July and be cared for by the teachers.

For those who fit into the **two** categories above and require childcare over these four days can you please fill in the following link.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1UUeUDqe7C3nhBjGB3\\_snf818yMkfDw2Jd5EmycSJaUo/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1UUeUDqe7C3nhBjGB3_snf818yMkfDw2Jd5EmycSJaUo/edit)

**OshClub Before and After School Care** will be open from 7am to 9am and then in the afternoon from 3.30pm to 6pm from Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Bookings will need to be made through OshClub.

At present we are awaiting Victorian Government and CECV directives about what school life will look like from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July and beyond for the next weeks.

We will endeavour to communicate and update you with the latest information through the School App Updat-Ed, SFX E-newsletter group for those who have subscribed and the official SFX Montmorency Facebook site.

I know that this may mean uncertainty and another period of dislocation for you and your family. The school is doing everything it can to mitigate the impact of these changes on our community, and to minimise the impact of this disruption on your child's learning journey.

Thank you to the SFX community for your ongoing capacity to adjust and adapt to this ever changing landscape. I know that we have met these challenges before and I know that we will rally as a positive and affirming community to achieve the best outcomes for the students.

Yours sincerely

Philip Cachia  
Principal