

July 31, 2020

Dear Parent / Guardian

Re: Face masks in schools

As I am sure you are aware the Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews announced yesterday that face masks would be compulsory for all Victorians aged 12 years and above. At Swan Hill College this means that all staff and students will be required to wear a face mask whilst travelling to and from school and during our school day. Certain subjects will have separate rules around the requirements of the use of masks in class. As we are directed by DET we will notify these teachers of these requirements. If your child has a valid medical reason for not wearing a face mask, parents must contact our Wellbeing Department at the Pye Street campus and Jo Taverna at the FLO campus, who have access to our student medical records, so that they can issue a pass for your child to carry so they don't have to wear one during school hours.

Swan Hill College will have a limited number of disposable face masks which can be distributed on Monday. However, all families will be required to source their own face masks. It is recommended that reusable 3 ply cloth masks be used where possible.

While I am certain that the mandatory use of face masks will create challenges for us all, it is a directive which is designed to keep our communities safe and relatively free of COVID-19. It is an inconvenience which is designed to keep our loved ones healthy.

As with all of the changes which have occurred this year I would like to thank you for your continued support and look forward to working together to get through these challenges.



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