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## CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Homestay Parents,

Greetings from the College and welcome to Term 3.

We know this greeting will find people at different stages of resilience and frustration at having to again bear the brunt of another Stage 3+ restriction. It requires some students to have remote learning and others to attend the College for lessons or else supervision. Added to this are the new directives for face masks to be worn by anyone 12 years and over. Still, I understand most of our grandparents had life much tougher than we do.

Today has been a smooth start for students attending the College. The Tear Drop 'Kiss & Go' experiment seemed to go well and hopefully that will continue as parents get used to it. The footpath from the Yellow Square carparks obviously needs some more work on it and that will be arranged asap. Our front door collection of books and materials is again proving to be a smooth process.

As you know, staff and senior school students (12 years and over) are required to wear face coverings from Thursday. Children under 12 years have the option of wearing a face mask if parents require it. Teachers are not required to wear this PPE while actively teaching, but will do so at other times, including when working more closely with students at their desks. Students undertaking active PE sessions are not required to wear a face mask. We are awaiting further advice on this whole area, including other exemptions that may apply. Heads of Sections will update our staff and students on any further specific requirements and protocols around face masks.

With a few exceptions, we are all are expected to source our own supply of face masks unless or until the government makes them available to schools. If a student arrives at the College without a mask this week, they may remain for the day, but parents will be contacted with the advice that on future occasions they will be asked to return home. If there are medical conditions that prevent children from wearing a face mask, a medical certificate will be required to that effect. Please speak with your friendly Year Level Coordinator about any difficulties in these matters. Other than that all other COVID-19 protocols remain as they were in the previous stage 3 restrictions and I would ask families to please remember to observe the key actions of physical distancing, cough etiquette, washing / sanitising hands and cleaning devices after use.

Warm Regards

**Dr Douglas Peck**  
Principal