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THOMAS MITCHELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As a government school we are required to follow Department of Education directives. In relation to the Coronavirus, the Department is frequently advised by the Department of Health and Human Services. We are keeping parents updated with any new advice via our newsletter and/or additional communications which are uploaded to our website, Sentral parent portal and emailed direct to families who have provided us with their email address.

The most current information is:

School attendance

This recommendation is that parents/guardians/carers of students should ensure that any student is isolated at home and should not attend school for 14 days following exposure to any confirmed novel coronavirus case; or after leaving Hubei Province, China.

This same advice applies to any staff who have returned or are returning from Hubei province, China. The Chief Health Officer's current advice is that staff and students do NOT need to be at home and isolated if they have recently travelled in other parts of China or other countries and are not showing any symptoms of the virus.

If you think a student or staff member is showing relevant symptoms, please ask the student's parents/guardians/carers or the staff member to call the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to discuss further actions on 1300 651 160.

We are actively encouraging the school community to keep us informed of any new information.

Links:

Thomas Mitchell website	www.tmps.vic.edu.au	
Dept of Health and Human Services – Novel Coronavirus	https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/novelcoronavirus	
Dept of Education	https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx	
Sentral Parent Portal	https://sentral.tmps.vic.edu.au/portal/login	(New families will receive their registration & access information next week)

Yours Sincerely,

John Hurley
Principal