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TO: PARENTS OF PREP - YEAR 12 STUDENTS

**RE: COVID CASES IN MELBOURNE** 

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Northside Christian College is closely monitoring updates from the Victorian Department of Health following a statement released earlier today highlighting the likelihood of positive COVID cases in the northern suburbs of Melbourne. This afternoon, the Victorian Government announced that there have been four positive cases detected in the north of Melbourne. We advise the College community to continue monitoring the public exposure sites in Victoria, which are published online at: <a href="https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/exposure-sites">https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/exposure-sites</a>.

The announcement today is a timely reminder that we still need to continue to implement COVID safe practices as a community. Northside Christian College will be continuing to implement a range of COVID safe strategies including QR code check-ins for visitors, cleaning of high touch services, promoting good hand hygiene practices, opening windows and doors for more ventilation, limiting food handling and sharing of food in the workplace, promoting physical distancing, and encouraging non-contact greetings.

Individuals aged 12 years and over must continue to wear a face mask when on public transport, school buses and when in taxis or ride share vehicles, unless they have a lawful exemption. Please note this includes charter buses and rented busses for interschool sport and school excursions.

The College will continue to maintain a webpage to keep the College community updated. This resource is available at: https://www.ncc.vic.edu.au/college-response-to-the-coronavirus

We continue to be encouraged by God's Word during this time. Isaiah 41:10 reminds us, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

If you have any questions about the College's approach to COVID safety, please contact the College Office.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Bond Acting Principal