



## Victorian Family Update 5 August 2020

Dear Oac Families,

Thank you for your ongoing patience as we continue to work through Government guidelines relating to the Melbourne Stage 4 restrictions.

The Victorian Government made further announcements yesterday 4 August, regarding Stage 4 restrictions across Melbourne and Mitchell Shire and how this will impact childcare arrangements. We are waiting for final announcements from the Federal Government today and then will communicate further.

Like the rest of our communities, our hope is that this lock down will reduce the number of COVID-19 cases. It is a difficult and stressful time for many.

The Government has advised that services should remain open to provide education and care for those children whose parents or carers are **permitted workers** and for vulnerable children. We expect more information on the criteria and we will communicate further when we are more certain on the detail. We will endeavour to get this out to you today.

We know that many of our families have queries, we ask for your patience as we work through the detail and get as many answers as we can.

We also recognise that families have queries regarding childcare fees. We currently remain open for all families, and fees will be charged as per normal. For those families who had opted to not attend, and who had advised us in advance, the Gap fee (from the CCS) will continue to be waived. We will communicate further regarding childcare fees in upcoming communications.

Please know we are working through this with urgency and will provide further updates to all families as soon as possible. Our priority remains the health and safety of all those in our campus communities during this difficult time

Warm Regards,

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