



**CASTLEMAINE STEINER SCHOOL
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Dear CSSK Families,

On Friday 19/11 we received notification of some updated COVID operations for Schools from Independent Schools Victoria and The Department of Education and Training (DET) in light of the changes announced by the Victorian Government Thursday 18/11. The published School Operations Guide will be updated shortly to reflect these changes.

Regarding School events with Community participation, all events are being planned to maximise educational outcomes for our students within COVID practices.

Except for the Reception area, should you wish to access any of the School's designated learning spaces, including our Kinder and Prep gardens and our Classroom verandas, please be aware that you are required to show proof of vaccination.

All Visitors to our Reception or any designated learning spaces are also required to QR code check in **AND** sign in. Children who are with their parents/carers are not required to check-in. There is an accessible toilet for all Visitors in the Reception Area.

Face masks are now only required by Staff, Visitors and Students of Classes 3 to 6 within indoor spaces. The wearing of masks remains recommended for Prep to Class 2 students, and for all individuals over 12 years in circumstances where physical distancing cannot be maintained.

Schools will continue the process of identifying contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19 at schools; contacts will no longer be contacted by the Department of Health with quarantine requirements. If your child is identified as a contact, CSSK will get in touch with you directly.

We thank you for your ongoing support.

With best regards,
Hayley

