



# Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School Merbein

Reg. No. 1277

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## **PLEASE NOTE: CURRENT RESTRICTIONS FOR SCHOOLS**

Dear Families,

It was great to welcome our students back to school yesterday! There was certainly a lot of excitement before school as the children met up with their friends and teachers again. Now that we have returned, a new list of restrictions has been announced by the CECV for Catholic schools, in line with the Education Department guidelines. Following are the relevant restrictions which currently apply in our setting:

- Parents are permitted to drop off and pick up students **but must not enter the buildings (office/classrooms) unless absolutely essential.** Teachers are still able to be contacted via email, the See Saw app or by telephoning the school.
- If you do need to enter the school for some reason, please ring the office first and remember to check in using the QR code upon arrival. Masks must be worn inside and outside at all times. When picking up children in person at the gate, masks must be worn.
- Assemblies cannot be held as a large group, therefore we will be livestreaming assemblies from classrooms as we did last year.
- Non-essentials visitors to schools are not allowed.
- Visitors who the school deems as essential (OT, Speech, health professionals) will be allowed to enter the school with the appropriate documentation, mask and sign-in protocols in place.

At this stage, no gatherings, events or liturgies can be held in schools. This is very disappointing but necessary at this stage. Hopefully the restrictions will change soon, before events such as our Athletics take place, as we would love to see our families there!

Please don't hesitate to call myself or the office if you need clarification of any points on this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Narelle Gallagher