



Wednesday 18th May, 2022

## **Increased absences due to illness at Galilee**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you would be aware, many schools across Melbourne have been affected by a flu outbreak. Galilee has also been impacted this week, with large numbers of student absences, due to illness. We have also experienced an increased number of staff absence this week, due to illness.

Like most schools across Melbourne, we are finding it difficult to find replacement teachers to step in when staff are absent. We are happy to report that, although we are finding it difficult to find replacement teachers, we are managing to operate all of our normal classes with minimal disruption to student learning. With low student numbers, we have been able to combine classes so that they are still taught by a year level teacher and are still receiving the sequence of lessons that has been planned for them. We have heard that some schools around Melbourne have had to resort to Remote Learning because they are unable to find enough Replacement Teachers to open. Thankfully we are not in this position and we will continue to do everything that we can to remain open throughout this outbreak.

Our cleaning company has returned to the level of cleaning that we followed last year during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have increased the frequency of touch-point cleaning that occurs around the school and classroom teachers are cleaning tables and shared resources frequently throughout the day. We continue to operate air-purifiers in all classrooms and office spaces around the school. Students are being encouraged to use hand sanitiser and frequently wash their hands. We will continue to do all we can to slow the spread at school.

For the health and wellbeing of all our students and staff, we are requesting that if your child has any of these symptoms; cough, headache, fever, body aches or a runny nose, that you keep them at home until they have fully recovered to help minimise the spread amongst our students and staff.

We encourage you to continue to test for COVID-19, if you are displaying COVID-19 symptoms. Any child testing positive to COVID-19 needs to report their positive result via the link below.

GALILEE COVID Reporting Form <https://forms.gle/933Fk9oso4QwigMJ6>

Please remember to call the school office 9699 2928 if your child is staying home as we are also experiencing staff absences. In the event of a staff member's absence your email or DOJO message won't be received.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation, during this time.

Kind Regards,

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