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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I am writing to provide you with an update on our school restrictions this week. Following the recent announcement by the Premier and health authorities regarding the easing of some restrictions, there have been no changes to restrictions applied to schools. I have received numerous emails and I am grateful for your ongoing feedback on all aspects of our school life and especially as they relate to the COVID-19 restrictions and directions.

The wearing of masks by students, staff and all visitors on our secondary campuses and middle school continues to be strictly enforced. Masks are to be worn in all indoor areas including corridors and offices. We are conscious of the effects on individuals with the wearing of masks for long periods of time and therefore we have asked teachers to be mindful to plan for breaks during lesson time and students to be able to go outdoors to get fresh air. The school has masks available for those who do not have a mask when they arrive at school. All other advice such as not coming to school if you are unwell, frequent use of hand sanitiser and ensuring hand hygiene, social distancing and QR coding for all adults when you arrive at our school continues to be enforced and of a high priority.

The school is well prepared for any future scenarios such as a school closure/lockdown or a state-wide lockdown which will result in our remote learning program being actioned. We are continuing to refine our remote learning programs to enhance the learning experience for our students.

Parent-Teacher meetings and learning conversations will this term be conducted via phone and not face to face. This is a process some parents will be familiar with from 2020.

We are delighted that sport has resumed. With regard to spectators, the most recent advice is as follows:

- Spectators at indoor sports are permitted – 1 person per 4 square metres (masks required)
- Spectators at outdoor sports are permitted – 1 person per 2 square metres.

Seated consumption of food and beverage is allowed (outdoors and indoors). Communal food and beverages are not permitted.

At this stage we are not able to have adult visitors on-site during school hours, however small groups may be permitted on-site after hours for purposes such as small tours of the college.

Several parents have raised concerns regarding student vaccinations for COVID-19. **There are no plans for students to be administered the COVID-19 vaccine at Cardijn College.** Any vaccination will be strictly subject to the consent of parents.

Whilst we have these restrictions in place, I can report that our secondary students have responded very well to the requirements of wearing masks and adhered to the new restrictions.

We are also very grateful that many school activities have been able to take place including our sporting competitions. Over the next week we have many netball teams and soccer teams playing in grand finals. Our First XVIII AFL Football team coached by Mr Tarak Redigolo has progressed to the grand final of the Southern Region Wednesday night competition and the Secondary Schools Sporting Association of SA AFL Pool A Grand Final against Henley High School.

Today, 30 students and staff from Marcellin Campus are walking 50km from McLaren Vale to the city in aid of the "Walk a Mile" for Hutt Street Centre supporting the homeless. We wish them well in their quest. Collectively they have raised more than \$9000!

Congratulations to all our students for continuing to make the most of college life at this difficult time.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'PR' followed by a stylized flourish.

Dr Paul Rijken  
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