



From the Executive Director

4 October 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

Re: Public Health Directions – COVID-19 Vaccination

Catholic Education Sandhurst Limited's (CES Ltd) priority is the health, safety and wellbeing of staff and students and we follow all measures and Public Health Orders that support this.

The Acting Chief Health Officer has determined that vaccination will be mandatory for staff who work in schools, unless they hold a valid medical exemption. This Direction also includes volunteers and contractors.

The COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination Directions (No 5), in accordance with the emergency powers arising from declared state of emergency can be reviewed on the Department of Health and Human Services website. Deputy Premier James Merlino's [press release](#) provides additional information on this matter.

CES Ltd supports vaccination of staff. Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect our staff, students and the whole school community. Getting vaccinated will help slow the spread of COVID-19 and prevent future outbreaks in our schools.

We understand that the Independent Education Union are encouraging their members to be vaccinated. Their statement outlining this position is available on their [website](#).

At this point in time, there are no directions regarding the potential mandatory vaccination for children however we are aware that many senior students have taken up the option of vaccination that they were offered late in Term 3. From an educational perspective, there has always been the expectation for all children to be vaccinated prior to attending school.

Further communications to CES Ltd school communities are currently being drafted and will be distributed soon.

We encourage you to speak with your GP about any health concerns you may have regarding COVID-19 vaccines.

If you would like to view the Victorian Government's Current Road Map for Victoria exiting COVID-19 restrictions, please [click here](#).