

# FINNISH SCHOOL OF MELBOURNE

## COVIDsafe PLAN

This COVIDsafe plan applies to the Finnish School of Melbourne (the School), and outlines key principles relating to COVID-19 infection prevention and control in the context of face-to-face learning at the Finnish Hall in Altona.

The School will act according to the advice, recommendations and restrictions set by the Victorian Chief Health Officer with regard to return from remote learning to on-site learning. Current restrictions can be found here: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorias-restriction-levels-covid-19>

### Key principles:

1. Stay home when unwell. (This applies to students, parents and teachers.) Coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms include fever above 37.5 degrees Celsius, night sweats, chills, acute respiratory infection (such as cough, shortness of breath, sore throat), loss of smell, and/or loss of taste.
2. Practise good hand hygiene. The School will ensure that hand sanitizer is readily available and that students are encouraged to use it, as well as hand washing, particularly on arrival at School, before and after eating, and after using the toilet. Any high-touch areas should be cleaned frequently.
3. Ensure physical distancing (1.5m) where possible. It may be difficult to enforce social distancing between young children, however, parents must be aware of physical distancing when dropping off and picking up their children. Teachers must consider physical distancing of students when planning activities and organising seating.
4. Wear a face mask where practicable. The School will follow the Chief Health Officer's advice on mask wearing and encourage families to do so while at School.
5. Avoid interactions in enclosed spaces where possible. Teaching and activities outdoors are encouraged, weather permitting. Windows / back doors to be opened for ventilation wherever possible. Parents should stay outdoors where possible. No food is to be shared at this time.