



A Statement on COVID-19 Vaccinations from Mercy Education Ltd

Mercy Education supports the Australian Government Department of Health statement which advises how to protect oneself and one's family from the coronavirus (COVID-19) including where and when vaccinations can be received.

<https://www.health.gov.au/>

In our State of Victoria, the following government health advice is shared -
'Before COVID-19 vaccines are used in Australia, they must pass strict safety standards set by Australia's independent medicines regulator, the [Therapeutic Goods Administration](#). The COVID-19 vaccines being used in Australia have been used by hundreds of millions of people around the world.'

The COVID-19 vaccines being used in Australia -
'are very effective at preventing infection, and serious illness from COVID-19, including new variants of COVID-19. COVID-19 vaccines are free, safe and voluntary. Choosing to get vaccinated helps protect ourselves, our families and our community'.

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/about-covid-19-vaccines>

Mercy Education will continue to actively encourage its entire community (including staff, parents and eligible students) to consider the personal and communal benefits of vaccination and to reflect on the information available to them.

Pope Francis echoes this appeal in a recent statement -
'Thanks to God's grace and to the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from Covid-19.' He added that vaccines *'bring hope to end the pandemic, but only if they are available to all and if we collaborate with one another.'*

With best wishes for your safety and health

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