



Wandin Yallock Primary School

105 Beenak Rd
Wandin North
Victoria 3139

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Dear Parents,

Re: SMS notification in case of emergency

The recent hoax threats made to schools across Australia has highlighted many schools' inability to contact all parents quickly in case of an emergency. All schools have systems in place to contact parents, but this often involves calling every family individually, which can be very time consuming. In light of this, the Department of Education has agreed to pay the cost incurred by schools to use the SMS service already contained within schools' administration computer system (CASES21) to contact parents and guardians in case of an emergency. We anticipate that we will never need to use this service and will not use this service to contact parents for other matters. Other forms of communication such as our Facebook page, our App, and newsletters will be the preferred method for all non-emergency school related communication.

In order for us to be able to use this service in an emergency, it is vital our records are up to date and we have your consent. Please complete the mobile phone details for each parent/guardian and have them sign their consent for their phone number to be used in this manner should the need arise. There is no cost to parents.

Yours Sincerely,

Trevor Vass
Principal
Wandin Yallock Primary School

Please return this form to school as soon as possible.

I, the undersigned, give consent for my mobile phone number to be used by Wandin Yallock PS to send me SMS messages in an emergency at the school.

Child's/Children's name/s

Parent 1 Name:..... Mobile Phone Number:..... Signature:

Parent 2 Name:..... Mobile Phone Number:..... Signature:

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