**Victorian Government Announcement**

**Stage 1 - Restrictions – Social Distancing**

23 March 2020

National Cabinet has agreed to move to more widespread restrictions on social gatherings.

The Premier, along with the Prime Minister and other first ministers, agreed to implement new Stage 1 restrictions on non-essential gatherings.

The following facilities will be restricted from opening from midday 23 March 2020:

* Pubs, registered and licensed clubs (excluding bottle shops attached to these venues)
* hotels (excluding accommodation)
* Gyms and indoor sporting venues
* Cinemas, entertainment venues, casinos, and night clubs
* Restaurants and cafes will be restricted to takeaway and/or home delivery
* Religious gatherings, places of worship or funerals (in enclosed spaces and other than very small groups and where the 1 person per 4 square metre rule applies).

These measures also apply to outdoor spaces associated with the above venues.

Victorian Government schools - school holidays will be brought forward to begin on Tuesday 24 March to allow teachers and staff to prepare flexible and remote learning programs for students.