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COVID DOES NOT RESPECT PRIVATE PRIVILEGE:

**Melbourne school that flouted lockdown
rules hit by COVID outbreak**

Fitzroy Community School, a private school which is definitely NOT a community school, has a principal who believes that he and his 'clients' can stand apart and have special privileges. He has repeatedly flouted public health orders and invited families to send in their children during lockdowns. The school has been hit by a significant coronavirus outbreak.

Although the private school sector has attempted to get around the rules with preferential vaccination treatment, this incident proves that the plague is not a respecter of persons. The Australian community really is in this together with the devil taking the hindmost – and the poor and vulnerable suffering the most.

The school has been hit with a significant outbreak which is grievous, not only to the children and parents of this school, but to the community suffering lockdowns as a whole.

Not unsurprisingly, the principal, and other members of the school Board are unrepentant.

This could not and has not occurred in a public school, although initially it was thought that the school referred to by the media was Fitzroy public primary school. So what exactly is this Fitzroy 'Community' School.

INFORMATION FROM ACARA MYSCHOOL WEB SITE.

There are only 126 students attending this private school, 67 boys and 59 girls. The ICSEA value of the school is 1197. And, despite its name, this school in no way represents the broader 'community'. 84% of the children come from homes with an income in the top quartile or 25% of the population and another 10% from the second quartile. There is only 1% from the lowest quartile and no

children comes from a home where English is not the first language. There are no indigenous children at the school.

Yet the Australian government provides \$652,475 thousands and the State Government \$72,570 for these children of the privileged few. To be fair, the parents provide \$1.69 million dollars so it is reasonable that they would expect their children to be taught.

The NAPLAN results however, are fascinating. In 2016 they were below average while since that time they have been average but in no way spectacular.

Parents who are spending substantial dollars on this school should look carefully at the public school on offer in the same area.

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