



4th August, 2020

Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff,

Yesterday, the Victorian Government announced that, on the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer, regional and rural Victoria will move to Stage 3 restrictions and metropolitan Melbourne will move to Stage 4 restrictions to slow the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

A summary of what the changes mean for our College is below:

- All students will move to remote and flexible learning.
 - children whose parents are permitted workers. The Victorian Government will provide further advice about this over the coming days
 - vulnerable children in out of home care, children known to child protection and other agencies and children the school identifies as vulnerable
 - children with a disability who also fit one of the above two categories.

Where a student is considered vulnerable or at-risk, please contact the College to begin the Wellbeing Support Team referral process. Student referrals will be considered on a case by case basis.

- The GAT for senior students will be rescheduled from Wednesday 9th September to Wednesday 7th October, 2020 (Term 4).
- The schedule for the VCE examinations and release of results will remain as previously advised.

Where students need to attend school because they meet one of the above criteria, the parent/guardian must contact the College Office by Tuesday 4th August 3.00 pm to arrange bus transport. **All students and staff attending school will be required to wear a face covering at all times.**

TIMELINE

- **Tuesday 4th August** is a student-free day across Victoria to enable teachers to prepare for flexible and remote learning.
- **Wednesday 5th August** is the first day of new arrangements for schools across Victoria.
 - Year 11 and 12 students will access timetabled classes online on this day.
 - Year 7-10 students will receive an email on Tuesday outlining Wednesday's program. Year 7-10 students will not start regular timetabled online classes, but will be expected to prepare/consider their wellbeing strategies, daily timetables and organise study spaces.
- **Thursday 6th August**, will see **all students accessing timetabled classes via the online platform**. A limited College bus system will commence for students who meet the requirements to attend campus.

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STAFFING

The College will ensure sufficient staff are available for necessary on site supervision. This will likely not be the students' regular classroom teacher. The supervisor's role will be to oversee the students' learning via the online learning platform in order to ensure equity for all students.

Staff not required for onsite supervision must work from home.

Remote and flexible learning at the College will follow the same structure as the previous remote learning period.

ONLINE LEARNING PROCESS

The College has a legal requirement to take an attendance roll, both morning and afternoon. As per usual, Homeroom will run from 8.50am until 9.00am. The homeroom process will operate the same way as during the previous remote learning period, in that students will access SIMON to begin the day with prayer and daily notices. Students will be required to log on to record attendance for both morning and afternoon homerooms.

Please refer to the attachment for a suggested structure for online learning which also includes the link for signing into the morning and afternoon homeroom. This suggested structure may assist you and your child/children to maintain a regular, organised learning program.

Our staff will be following the regular weekly timetable, directing students via Google Classroom, Google Meet, SIMON and College email communication. Our staff are available to provide feedback or respond to queries during their regular timetabled lesson times.

Our experience from the last remote learning period taught us that our pastoral and wellbeing support will be critically important at this time. Please don't hesitate to contact your Learning Advisor for support to successfully navigate the online space. Please click on the link below to access some wellbeing support strategies.

<https://spark.adobe.com/page/h8SGDQ49dFCFb/>

We hope that with the wisdom of our first online learning period we can all work together to safely navigate the learning program during the term. We are reminded that our actions across this period are aimed at supporting those in the community who are most at risk from the COVID virus. It is our fervent hope that we all reconvene later in the term as a stronger and healthier community.

Kind regards,



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On behalf of the Executive Team

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