



11th September, 2020

Dear College Community,

Re: Conclusion of Term 3 and commencement of Term 4, 2020

The Victorian Government this week released its plan for easing Coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions. The plan includes the decision that all schools will continue to provide remote and flexible learning for the remainder of Term 3 and the first week of Term 4.

St Mary of the Angels College Nathalia will welcome all staff and students back to face to face learning at the College on week 2 of Term 4, Monday 12th October.

The following information relates to a number of facets of our College operations, some of which may not affect you or your child. If you have any questions about the following, please do not hesitate to call the College on 58 66 2222.

College buses

The College bus fleet will run its regular route on Wednesday 7th October to ensure all senior students can be present at the College for the General Achievement Test (GAT). Regular service will then commence on Monday 12th October for all students.

NSW residents will need to ensure that they have applied for, and carry, the correct border permit and that on their return to the College they also provide us with a copy for our records. NSW Residents should apply for a "Border Region Resident" permit and so that all permit expiry dates are consistent amongst all students we ask that you do this on Saturday the 3rd October, 2020.

Student supervision at the College (Term 3, Week 10 & Term 4, Week 1)

Students who have been attending the College for remote learning can continue to do so for Week 10 of Term 3 and for the first week of Term 4. The reduced College bus service will remain in place for these students until the College returns to face to face learning on the 12th October. However 7th October the regular bus service will run for students completing the GAT and for the students attending the College for remote learning.

We ask that all families who require their child/ren to attend school in Week 1 of Term 4 contact the College by 1.00 pm on Thursday 17th September. Families should remember that the reasons for students attending the College are:

- children whose parents cannot work from home and where no other supervision arrangements can be made.
- vulnerable children including:
 - children in out-of-home care.
 - children deemed by Child Protection and/or Family Services to be at risk of harm.
 - children identified by the school as vulnerable.
 - any child with a disability.

Face coverings/hygiene/cleaning/distancing

All persons on site at the College will be required to wear a face covering or face mask. Disposable face masks will be available for any person who does not have their own.

Hand sanitiser will continue to be readily available for our staff and students, as well as the increased cleaning regime. Social distancing will be employed where possible and we ask that if your child is unwell that they do not attend the College.

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General Achievement Test (GAT)

The GAT will be held on Wednesday 7th October from 10:00 am to 1:15 pm at the Nathalia Community Centre. It is vital that all students enrolled in a Unit 3 & 4 subject attend this day. This assessment will be an important tool used by the VCAA as they moderate school based assessment tasks against external exams in 2020.

Structured Workplace Learning/Work experience

Students undertaking SWL/work experience will be able to resume on site training with their employer in Week 2 of Term 4, in line with our College returning to face to face learning. Barry Norton will provide further information to students, families and employers in the coming days.

VET students

Moira Alliance VET students will be contacted in Week 10 of Term 3 to arrange some time in Term 4 to catch up on any essential practical components that they have not been able to complete during the remote learning period. The Victorian Government sees this a high priority and is offering schools funding and support to ensure students can complete their courses.

All Shepparton GoTafe VET students will continue with their current on-line learning delivery on Wednesdays unless otherwise communicated by Go Tafe.

Term 3, 2020

Week 10 - Remote learning.

Term 3 concludes on Friday 18th September at 2:30 pm.

The last day will include an online liturgy for staff and students to celebrate the Feast of St Francis, as well as Year 7-10 activities to recognise the value and importance of family.

Term 4, 2020

Week 1- Remote learning.

Wednesday 7th October- GAT. College buses to collect senior students in addition to students attending the College as defined by the criteria above.

Week 2- Face to face learning returns.

Monday 12th October- All staff and students return to face to face learning at the College.

Further Information regarding protocols and school operations will be communicated with families as they become available.

I wish our College community well for the term break and pray that you will all continue to stay healthy and support each other through the last quarter of this year. I would like to highlight the dedication of our wonderful staff including our Administration Team, Maintenance Team, Executive Team, College Bus Operations and all of our Education staff. Thank you and God Bless.

Kind regards,



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