

27th July 2021



Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

Re: Welcome back, we return to on-site learning on Wednesday 28th July, 2021

We welcome all students and staff back on-site with all learning programs resuming face to face from tomorrow. Both Government and St Mary of the Angels College bus transport will resume normal operation. Please note the following:

HYGIENE PRACTICES

All staff and students are required to undertake regular hand hygiene, particularly on arrival to school, before and after eating, after blowing their nose, coughing, sneezing or using the bathroom. Hand sanitiser has been made available in every learning area, including individual classrooms.

As masks continue to be an ongoing requirement and of particular emphasis for Victoria's public health team during this pandemic period, **face masks must be worn at all times when inside and during bus travel, and outside when physical distancing is not possible.**

We strongly encourage all students to bring their own washable mask that complies with Government standards. This practice will ensure that we are minimising the environmental impacts of the thousands of disposable masks being sent to landfill.

If your child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain at home, get a COVID test, and seek medical advice if needed.

GAT Rescheduled

The General Achievement Test (GAT) has been rescheduled to take place on Thursday 12th August, 2021 for students completing a VCE Unit 3&4 subject.

PE UNIFORM AND CHANGE ROOMS

Students will not have access to the College change room facilities. As a result, on your child's Practical PE days, they will be required to attend the College in **FULL PE UNIFORM.** No variations of uniform will be permitted (NO Leggings/Skins/hoodies etc.).

HOMEWORK CLUB / FSLP

Homework Club and the Franciscan Student Leadership Program will run this Wednesday 28th July and we welcome students to utilise this opportunity. Students who require the late bus for Homework Club must present their permission form to the College Office by 9.00 am tomorrow morning to ensure a seat.

VET/SCHOOL BASED TRAINEESHIPS/STRUCTURED WORKPLACE LEARNING

Moirra TTC Alliance and GOTAFE VETiS students will recommence their normal VET classes from tomorrow Wednesday 28th July. Any changes to this will be communicated via SIMON and PAM.

All Structured Work Placement and Work Experience placements continue to be deferred until further official announcements.

School Based Trainees can return to their placements on the proviso that they have made contact with the employer/business to confirm their attendance.

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CANTEEN

Please note the College canteen will reopen on Wednesday 28th July, 2021. It is highly recommended that students pre-order their lunch at recess to reduce queuing.

VISITORS TO COLLEGE

As restrictions continue, no visitors to the College are permitted, apart from cleaners and essential personnel. Parents/carers who present to pick up their child/children from the College are asked to contact us on 5866 2222 rather than enter the College Office.

We are expecting further communication around camps, excursions, interschool sport and school based gatherings in the near future. We will communicate to our community as this information comes to hand.

Thank you to all members of our community for your work, resilience and efforts throughout the online learning period, we look forward to the resumption of our regular program with hope and optimism.

With Peace and Goodwill,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Carver". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Matt Carver

St Mary of the Angels' Principal