



COVID-19 Communication 16

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Dear Parents,

We are all excited about all our students being back face-to-face on Tuesday 9 June 2020. We have been planning for their return and aim to ensure that this is as safe as possible for them, for the College staff and for parents. Some of the processes have changed and are mentioned below. Also attached are letters from Mrs Matthews for the Junior School Parents and Mr Oldman for the Middle School parents.

Increased Hygiene and Cleaning

- We have increased our **cleaning program** to meet the standards set out for school return. This includes a number of cleans of high touch points and play equipment each day.
- We will conduct non-invasive **random temperature checks** in classes. Sending your child will serve as **permission to do this**. If you have any concerns, please contact the College nurse.
- Students **must** bring their **own water bottle** as there will be no bubblers available. Taps will be available to refill bottles. Please name the bottles.
- Students **may not share any equipment/phones/devices** so they should bring all their own equipment. Phones should be placed in lockers and not taken out all day as they are a high contamination risk.
- Shared **College equipment** will be disinfected after each use.
- **Sanitiser** is available in all areas and students will be encouraged to wash their hands often.
- While **social distancing** is not required in classrooms (evidence indicates extremely low infection and carrying of infection in young people), we will be asking students to practice social distancing measures where possible to train them for being in areas that are not school or home. There will be no large group assemblies, at this stage, and smaller assemblies will have the students spaced out appropriately.
- Each sub-school will have **separate play areas** to reduce the number of other students they come into contact with.
- Students with **any symptoms** should not attend College. Parents will be required to collect students who are displaying any symptoms.
- In the unlikely event that one of our **community members testing positive** to the virus, all students will be separated into class groups and parents will be informed by email, text and on the College app to come and collect them. The Health Department will then take control of the situation to disinfect and trace contacts.

Uniform

Students are expected to wear PVCC uniform. For the rest of Term 2 they may wear either sports or formal uniform as parents choose, allowing time to purchase winter uniform that fits.

Seniors (Year 10 - 12) - Bring Your Own Device

This year we transitioned to a BYOD Senior School. All students must bring their own computing device as there will be limited access to shared devices, as they become high contamination areas.

Term 3 Start Date

Term 3 will now start on Wednesday, 15 July which is earlier than previously advertised. This will help us catch up for any time lost during Remote Learning.



Carpark

The greatest risk of transmission is between adults, making the drop-off and pick-up times the most dangerous. Early Years (Prep-2) students should be picked up and dropped off in the Early Years 'Kiss and Drop' carpark behind the EY building unless you feel that your child is able to cross at a manned crossing to get to your car.

Parents should NOT leave their car unless it is to assist a small child into the car.

Starting Times

The same as usual - Primary 8:50am and Secondary 8:40am.

Early Years students may be dropped off in the Early Years Kiss and Drop area from 8:15 am and parents should assist their children from the cars from 9 June.

Finishing Times

Please **do not come too early** to pick up your children as this will clog up the carpark and slow everything down. Parking arrangements are the same as Term 1 except non-independent Prep to Year 2 students should use the Early Years 'Kiss and Drop' area behind the EY building.

Kinder – 3:15pm (but children may be collected earlier to aid social distancing)

Prep – 3:00 pm

Years 1 -6 – 3:10 pm

Secondary (Years 7 to 12) – 3:20 pm

Buses – Running as normal

Students not able to return yet – if your family has particular circumstances which means you do not want to send your child to school yet, you should contact your Head of Sub-School and explain the circumstances. Some work will be made available for these students, but we are unable to offer Remote Learning once the year levels return to face to face teaching. Heads of Sub-school are: Primary – Mrs Rebecca Matthews, Middle – Mr Paul Oldman, Senior – Mrs Lily McDonald.

Deliveries

Any adults delivering anything for students or staff should leave them at one of the reception areas for collection.

E-safety Information Link

Please see [this link for government information regarding e-safety](#). There is some very sound advice for parents, and at parent discretion could be passed to older children.

As we enter a new phase with another time of significant change it will take energy and perseverance for parents, students and staff. We are praying for a smooth transition, but we need to look after each other. Grace and encouragement will be needed all round. We are a strong community and I am confident that, with God's help, we can make it work.

John Metcalfe
Principal