



13 July 2020

Dear Parents and Senior Students,

On the weekend the Premier clarified that every student will enter into remote learning next week. The exceptions are VCE and VCAL students, Kinder and students who cannot learn at home. This may be because neither parent is able to work from home. Clearly, he was very disappointed in this decision, but it had to be made.

Like the Premier we are also very disappointed, but it is clear that the current outbreaks are even more serious than the previous infection. We are now aware that senior students are able to infect each other, and so extra care must now be taken with them. The press seem to be back to sensationalising situations and social media is rife with unsubstantiated opinion. I encourage you to be judicial in your acceptance of information from those sources.

While we are confident that the Lord of the Universe has us in His hand, we need to be vigilant that we follow the Chief Health Officer's recommendations. Following is some general information for parents and students, and some specific to Senior Years.

Lessons Start Monday 20 July in Remote Mode

This will be run in a similar manner to our previous Remote Lessons.

Picking Up Books and Belongings

You should have received an email from me explaining the process for making a booking for collecting belongings from school. It would be helpful if families with no primary students come on Tuesday and Wednesday. Only parents of Early Years students can leave their car and they should not enter any buildings.

Students or Staff Displaying Symptoms

In accordance with the Chief Health Officer's guidelines, any person displaying symptoms should remain at home except to be tested and not attend the College campus.

Family Member in Isolation

If a family member is placed in isolation while testing is happening at their workplace or close contacts, students should not attend school until the isolation is lifted.

Temperature Checks

All students attending school for the next six weeks will be temperature checked in the mornings using contactless infrared thermometers. Student who arrive late will be temperature checked when they sign in.

Students with temperatures above 37.5 degrees must go home until they are no longer symptomatic. If parents send their child to school, then they are agreeing to this. Please monitor your child's temperature at home before sending them to school.



Uniform

Students attending the College should wear correct Winter Uniform. Seniors may wear sport uniform on Wednesday. Year 12 students may wear their Hoodies every day.

Canteen

There is no Canteen during lockdown.

COVID Phone App

PVCC encourages all students and family to download the COVID phone App. While it has not yet proven useful, as the Victorian tracing resources become more stretched the App will give you early warning if a close contact has been diagnosed with the virus. It will help protect you, your family and our College.

Monitoring the Situation and Responding

The staff, Executive and Board are carefully monitoring the developing situation and you can be assured that we care for our community and will work tirelessly to continue to support it through this time. Welfare of our students, parents and staff is a high priority.

FOR SENIOR STUDENTS ATTENDING FACE TO FACE LESSONS

Physical Distancing

During last lockdown the recommendation was that students need not comply with physical distancing measures. This time all senior students may only attend the College if they comply with the distancing requirements at all times. We have moved classes to rooms that allow for physical distancing and the use of common rooms will be changed. Care should be exercised when accessing lockers.

Free Lessons

Students who have free lessons at the beginning or end of the day may leave the College provided their parents have given permission via the usual channels. More information will be sent home separately. For this week we will be trusting students.

Sport

There is no Sport on Wednesday afternoon. Yr 11 and 12 students may go home if they have parent's permission. There will be study space made available for students who remain at school.

Yours in Christ's Service,

John Metcalfe
Principal