



COVID-10 Update 22

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Dear Parents,

Since the Premier's announcement on Sunday we have a little more information, but the requirements are far from clear at the detail level. This is not unexpected, as there are huge changes for the government and their teams of public servants to process in order to keep us safe. Please continue to be patient and know that as we receive clarification, we will pass it on to you.

Secondary Pivot Afternoon

It is not an easy thing to change from face-to-face teaching to remote mode. Our Senior School staff and students have been making the most of face to face time. That is why we started back early from last holidays and today was not a student free day for our College.

Our Senior School staff need some time to alter their lessons to suit remote mode. So tomorrow afternoon (Wednesday 5 August) I am calling a *Tools Down* afternoon from 12:20pm (Periods 5-7) for **all secondary students**. Primary already have scheduled *Tools Down* afternoons on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Permitted Occupations

A big change in this new level of lockdown is the concept of Permitted Occupations. The government has targeted occupations that have been prominent in the ongoing spread of the virus and regulated the number of employees and conditions or stopped some workplaces altogether to reduce the movement of employees. This is the harshest part of the lockdown measures.

Supervision at PVCC - Kinder to Yr 10

From **tomorrow**, only children from families where all carers are involved in permitted occupations are able to send their children to the College for supervision. Vulnerable children may also attend the College for supervision. This is a much stricter definition than we have previously had applied to us. If you have applied for supervision this week we will contact you to determine if the definition of permitted occupation applies to all carers in your family. Families who are deemed to be permitted workers and are eligible to receive supervision for their children, will receive the usual weekly email each Wednesday to advise of supervision requirements for the week ahead.

From **tomorrow**, Plenty Kids ELC will remain open **at regular session times** for children of permitted workers. If you require supervision for your Kinder child **on days when they would normally be attending sessional Kinder**, can you please email office@pvcc.vic.edu.au immediately so we can survey you and determine your supervision needs for the week ahead.

Student Free Planning Day - 14 August

Friday 14 August is a Student Free Day and was scheduled as a training day for our staff. We will now use the 14th to plan remote learning style lessons for the upcoming weeks of lockdown.

Guiding Learning through Lockdown

You can be confident that our staff are working hard to ensure that your children are being guided through appropriate learning activities in keeping with the Australian Curriculum. We are very aware that parents are supplying the encouragement for children to follow the process. Most of you are also



working from home as well. We are continuing to partner with you and praying for strength to endure.

Credit for fees being processed

You will have received a letter from our Business Manager outlining the credits that the Board have approved for families. Like all businesses in Victoria, the PVCC Board has to weigh up the sustainability of our College with the support they offer to our community. We are blessed to have a Board who are willing to grapple with getting that balance right.

We are currently working through applying the credits to your accounts. It is not a small job. These will be reflected in your next statement.

Last time a number of families who were fortunate enough to be less affected by lockdown measures chose to donate their credit to families who had been significantly impacted. This show of community support is available again this time and if you email accounts@pvcc.vic.edu.au, the Business Office will anonymously assist those families on your behalf.

Plenty Kids ELC Fees

At the moment, ELC families are eligible for the 10% Term 3 fee credit that has been offered to all PVCC families. ELC fees are unchanged at the moment but we are hopeful of federal government assistance that we will in turn pass on.

I understand this is a lot to process. Thank you for your continued patience as we decipher and pass on updates and instructions.

Yours faithfully,

John Metcalfe
Principal