



COVID-19 Update 23

Dear Parents,

WARNING: Social Media Suicide Clip

We have received information that there is a live suicide streaming on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Tik Tok. The clip is extremely graphic and has yet to be controlled by the social media platforms. Should this image appear in any of your feeds SCROLL past. Please advise all older students to do the same. You cannot unsee things that you see.

We strongly recommend keeping your children offline today if possible, and heavily supervise all social media interactions until this content is removed. Check with your children to determine if they have viewed this clip. They are likely to be extremely distressed although they may be hiding that.

For Assistance please contact: Beyond Blue: 1300 22 4636, Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800

For verification and more information see ABC News - <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-09-08/tiktok-suicide-video-prompts-warning-facebook-instagram-twitter/12641136>

Return to Face to Face Classes

Sunday's announcement of the extension of Level 4 lockdown was a disappointment to many of us even though we knew the infection numbers were clearly not moving downward at the rate expected. The College staff join with you all as we do a rethink and gird our loins for a longer period of remote learning. We also need to recognise that at least we have some dates to aim for the return to face to face.

In summary, here is the status of classes based on the information from the state government.

The rest of Term 3 – remote learning for everyone.

Term 4:

Week 1

Monday 5 October - **Kinder** is back for all 3 and 4 Year Old Kinder students.

Tuesday 6 October - **Year 11 and 12** students* will resume a normal face to face timetable, and Year 12s will sit the General Achievement Test (GAT) on Wednesday 7 October.

Week 2

Monday 12 October - **Prep to Year 2** students return for face to face on normal timetable.

Week 4

Monday 26 October- **All students** back face to face, providing the number of new infections is within the parameters set by the state government.

Please note:

*The **return of Year 11 and 12 students** in Week 1 is not the same schedule as adopted by the Education Department. We believe that this week will give our students studying a Unit 4 subject the time they need to prepare for their exams at the end of the year.



Year 10 students studying a Unit 2 (Year 11) subject will not be attending the College for classes. The set work for the class will be on Seqta and they may arrange to contact their teacher for extra assistance.

Once face-to-face lessons begin, we are **unable to continue remote lessons**, although teachers will ensure students whose families decide to keep them at home will be provided information about the curriculum the class is covering.

VCAL Extra Funding

The Victorian government will be providing funds for additional support to all VET students to ensure they are able to complete their qualifications this year. More details will follow from either PVCC or the VET providers.

End of Year Exams

Given the tumultuous year we have had, the College has decided that only Year 11 students will be sitting exams at the end of the year. The aim is to not exacerbate the stress that some students are experiencing in feeling underprepared for end of year exams. Some subjects will still require students in Year 8 to 10 to sit double lesson major tests. These will be held under class conditions rather than exam conditions.

Remember, we will get back to normal one day. Each day we are getting better at ensuring that we keep safe and this will end.

Yours in Christ's Service

John Metcalfe

Principal

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