



## COVID-19 Update 24

Dear Parents, Caregivers and VCE students,

On Sunday night the Premier shared some good news that we have been hoping to hear. The reduction in virus numbers are ahead of the expected timeline. This has given the government the freedom to change the schedule of opening the state up.

Schools can now reopen for all Primary students as well as VCE students. Our primary staff are very excited that they will see their students again and we are all praying that Years 7 to 10 will join us before 19 October. We have revised our plans, for students returning to face-to-face learning, in the light of the changed policy.

Our updated return schedule is now:

### WEEK 1

#### Monday 5 October:

**Kinder** - return as normal.

**Primary and secondary** - scheduled student free day - no lessons  
Camp Australia will be open.

#### Tuesday 6 October – Friday 9 October:

**Year 12** - return to full-time face-to-face.

**Year 11 students studying a VCE Unit 4 subjects** - may attend face-to-face for those subjects (supervision is available for them to study their remote lessons at school if they are unable to return home promptly - please apply through the college office).

**Prep to Year 11** - remote learning at home.

### WEEK 2

#### Monday 12 October

**Kinder** - as normal.

**Prep to Year 6** - return to face-to-face as normal.

**Year 11 and 12** - face-to-face as normal.

**Year 10 students studying a VCE Unit 2 subject** - may attend for those lessons (supervision is available for them to study remote lessons at school if students unable to return home promptly - please apply through the college office).

**Year 7 to 10** - remote learning at home.

### WEEK 3

#### Monday 19 October

Praying and hoping that numbers will be reducing according to the Premier's Roadmap and all students will be back onsite for face-to-face learning.

**Please note** - once face-to-face lessons begin, we are unable to maintain remote lessons. Please contact your child's Head of Sub-School if they will not be returning when their classes return to face-to-face. (Kinder: Samantha Greenwood, Primary: Rebecca Matthews, Middle: Paul Oldman, Senior: Lily McDonald).

### PICK UP and DROP OFF

#### Adults remain in cars

- Parents and caregivers should remain in their cars whenever practicable while collecting their children.



- Parents and caregivers may stand up outside the driver's door to attract their child's attention.
- Parents and caregivers may move to the back of the car to assist their child open the back door or boot if their child is too small to do that by themselves.
- Any adult outside their car must wear a face mask.

### **Kinder children**

**Times:** Drop off - 8:45 am. Lessons start 8:50 am. Pick up – 12:15 or 3:15 pm.

- Families to continue to sign children in (using the sign in book) located out the front of the early years building.
- Teachers will continue to collect children from the front of the early years building at 8:45am.
- Teachers will continue to deliver children to the front of the early years building at the end of each session (3:15pm or 12:15pm).
- Parents must wear a face mask and observe physical distancing.

### **Prep students and other EY students unable to cross the road safely**

**Times:** Drop off between 8:30 - 8:45 am. Lessons start 8:50 am. Pick up 3:00 pm.

- Prep and Year 1 students unable to independently walk across the main crossing can be dropped off and collected from the Early Years *kiss and drop* area behind the Early Years building.
- Staff will not be able to assist students to get in and out of the car this term; we have faith that our Preps and Early Years students will remember the process from Term 2. Please remind your children how to undo and do up their seat belt and work out the easiest way for them to collect their bags as they get out.
- Parents may assist their child in and out of the car if they wear a face mask.
- There is a stopping area just beyond the drop-off area if you need to stop to assist your child with their seat belt. This will keep the pick-up line moving.
- Please note: all Early Years students are to enter and exit the Early Years building via the back gate.

### **All other primary students**

**Times:** Drop off between 8:30 - 8:45 am. Lessons start 8:50 am. Pick up - 3:10 pm.

- Students should be dropped off in carparks 1 to 4 (first 4 parking areas).
- Early years students should only be dropped in these carparks if their parents are confident they can cross safely at the crossing and make their way around towards the back gate of the Early Years area, as they did in Term 2.
- Parents should remain in cars.

### **VCE students**

**Times:** Drop off - 8:20 - 8:35 am. Lessons start 8:40 am. Pick up 3:20 - 3:40 pm.

- Students should be dropped off in carparks 1 to 4 (first 4 parking areas).
- Parents should remain in cars.
- VCE students driving themselves should park in the sealed carparks (carparks 1 to 4 - first 4 parking areas).

### **HYGIENE and COVID PLAN**

The safety of your children and our staff are a very high priority for us. The college has an up to date COVID plan that incorporates, at least, the latest requirements. This includes the wearing of face masks for secondary students over 12 years and adults. High touch areas cleaning twice daily. Physical distancing measures where possible. Limitations on numbers in enclosed areas, limiting adult non-staff access to college areas and the review of all activities.



- It is a condition of attendance that all parents, carers and students follow the safety requirements.
- Students should not attend the college if they are experiencing any symptoms of illness or if they themselves are awaiting COVID test results.
- Students living in a household where another member of the household has been tested for the virus, or where another member of the household has been directed to isolate should not attend school until the test results for this member of the household come back negative and the isolation period has ended.
- All students will be temperature tested once they arrive at school. Students who record an abnormally high temperature (above 37.5) will be isolated and parents contacted to take them for a virus test immediately. Following the COVID test, students should not attend school until they have received a negative test. The school should be informed as soon as possible if a child or anyone else in the household has recorded a positive test.

#### **CANTEEN**

The canteen will re-open for normal operations from week 2.

#### **BUSES**

Week 1 – Modified bus runs for only Year 12 students who have made a request.

Week 2 – Buses will return to normal operations.

#### **UNIFORM**

Students who are at school for lessons or supervision must wear PVCC uniform. You may choose whether that is winter or summer uniform for the first 5 weeks of term in recognition of the difficulty of accessing to the uniform shop over the last term. Sports uniform should only be worn on the days allocated to sport or PE.

#### **SUB-SCHOOL UPDATES**

Routine information related to return to classes will come from Heads of Sub-School to help prepare students for return to Term 4 whether that is remote or face-to-face.

Warm regards,

John Metcalfe  
Principal

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