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Dear Parents and Carers

It will be wonderful to welcome all of our students back over the next few weeks. Yesterday Deputy Premier James Merlino outlined a staggered return to onsite learning. We will welcome our Year 12 VCE and VCAL students back onsite on Monday 4 October. Year 11 students studying a Unit 3/4 subject will also attend for their Unit 3/4 class. Year 7-11 students will return to onsite classes over the next few weeks.

An outline of the schedule for the return to onsite learning is below.

RETURN TO ONSITE LEARNING

WEEK	DATE	STUDENT ARRANGEMENTS	OTHER INFORMATION
1	Monday 4 October	All Year 12 VCE and VCAL students to return to onsite classes. Unit 3/4 classes to run. Year 11s to attend for Unit 3/4 classes. No classes for Year 7-11 Music Tuition to commence remotely	No onsite supervision of students
	Tuesday 5 October	Year 7-11 Remote Learning Classes. All Year 12s and Year 11 students studying a Unit 3/4 onsite for the GAT.	Onsite supervision for students of essentials workers etc in Year 7-11 in Mulhall Centre
	Wednesday 6 October – Friday 8 October	Year 11 and 12 VCE and VCAL students - onsite learning Year 7—10 remote learning	Onsite supervision for students of essentials workers etc in Year 7-10 in Mulhall Centre

WEEK	DATE	STUDENT ARRANGEMENTS	OTHER INFORMATION
2	Monday 11 October	Year 7, 11 and 12 students - onsite Year 8-10 remote learning	Onsite supervision for students in Year 8-10 in Mulhall Centre
	Tuesday 12 October – Wednesday 13 October	Year 7, 11 and 12 students onsite Year 8 and 9 students onsite Year 10 students - remote learning	Onsite supervision for Year 10 provided – room to be confirmed
	Thursday 14 October – Friday 15 October	Year 7, 11 and 12 students onsite Year 10 students - onsite learning Year 8 and 9 students - remote learning	Onsite supervision for students in Year 8-9 in Mulhall Centre
3	Monday 18 October	Year 7, 11 and 12 students - onsite learning Year 8-10 remote learning	Onsite supervision for students in Year 8-10 in Mulhall Centre
	Tuesday 19 October – Wednesday 20 October	Year 7, 11 and 12 students onsite learning Year 8 and 9 students onsite learning Year 10 students - remote learning	Onsite supervision provided for Year 10 – room to be confirmed
	Thursday 21 October – Friday 22 October	Year 7, 11 and 12 students onsite Year 8 and 9 students remote learning Year 10 students onsite	Onsite supervision for students in Year 8-9 in Mulhall Centre
4	Monday 25 October	Year 7, 11 and 12 students onsite Year 8 – 10 remote learning	Onsite supervision for students in Year 8- 10 in Mulhall Centre
	Tuesday 26 October	All student onsite	

The GAT

The General Achievement Test (GAT) will be conducted onsite on Tuesday 5 October for all students studying a Unit 3/4 subject. With 210 students in 12 different spaces, this is a major logistical exercise. Instructions have been sent to senior students who are sitting the GAT. All students should ensure that they understand the requirements to ensure the GAT can operate smoothly creating the best opportunity for our students to perform well.

Onsite Supervision

Onsite supervision will be provided for Year 7-11 students who are children of essential workers, vulnerable or have poor/no internet from Tuesday 5 October until all students return on Tuesday 26 October. Please register using the link below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfEoiczBn0fibyxGLUVVI8OBUfeShxQ8S6tsVX1jTxH4DoDxA/viewform>

Uncertainty

After long periods of remote learning and a range of COVID-19 restrictions, young people will be returning to school routines, classrooms, classmates, teachers and expectations.

Amid the anticipation and excitement many young people are feeling, for some, leaving the home learning routine and environment may create anxiety for a range of reasons including: the ongoing uncertainty of COVID-19; a feeling of falling behind with work and family circumstances related to health.

To help with this uncertainty please assist your daughter in preparing for a return. This can include checking uniform, textbooks and discussing schedule for return. If needed encourage connection by reaching out to a classmate before returning onsite. Mentor teachers will be able to offer support in different ways as we return, and all staff will be understanding and committed to ensuring all students finish the year on a positive with their studies.

Being COVID safe

The College has a detailed COVID-19 safety plan in place which includes mask wearing, hand sanitising, enhanced cleaning measures and clear expectations around not being at school if you are ill. It is important that these measures are also reinforced at home especially around the wearing of masks.

Our priority is for all of our students and staff to successfully return to daily school life. Some students will adjust without a hiccup, others will take some time. Continue to remain hopeful and positive about the return to ensure our students feel supported no matter how they may be feeling.

Stay Safe



Michelle Brodrick
Principal