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COVID Update

- Priority Vaccinations
- Attendance on site

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we have seen updates provided over a number of days that relate to our senior students. As information is provided to the College we will aim to pass this information to students and parents/carers in a timely manner.

Vaccinations

To help support the safe conduct of end-of-year exams, the Victorian Government has announced a vaccination blitz for final year school students, their teachers and for VCE exam supervisors and assessors.

The blitz will begin on **7 September and continue until 17 September**. During the blitz, final year students, their teachers and VCE exam supervisors and assessors will have access to priority timeslots to attend their vaccination appointment at a vaccination centre.

We are seeking clarification on whether this applies to Year 11 students studying a Unit 3/4 subject. Regardless, we encourage all families to make an appointment to get vaccinated according to the Department of Health recommendations.

Final year students, their teachers and VCE exam supervisors and assessors will be able to book their first and second doses via a dedicated appointment booking hotline. These additional pathways will help support a faster booking process and minimise absence for students during their schooling hours. At this stage we have not received notification of the hotline booking number but will pass this on as soon as possible.

On-site Attendance

Current restrictions stipulate that students who attend the College must meet the criteria of a vulnerable student; or have parent/s who are an essential worker (with a permit); or have poor/no internet coverage. It is essential that families complete the booking form, which is also available on the website:

Supervised On-Site Booking Link: <u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfy-</u> 4Awd13roSWVYvYhpNKXdv1u7hBguczkpN3Cx-s1NluiA/viewform

Thank you for your continued support.

Take care

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