



## Reconnection – Return to School Student Guidelines

Thank you for your extraordinary work and dedication during this period of significant change. While this has been a challenging and difficult time, it has also provided us with the opportunity to learn new ways of working with our students, our families, our colleagues and our communities. One of the exciting tasks ahead is to work together to ensure what we have learned is captured, refined and shared.

Following advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, schools will commence a staged return from remote and flexible learning from Tuesday 26 May 2020. To support all school staff to prepare for the transition, Monday 25 May will be a student-free day. This is important to enable the planning necessary to ensure the successful transition back to school can be completed.

The return to school will take place in two stages.

- Year 11 and 12 students return on 26 May.
- Year 7 – 10 students return on 9 June.

Year 10 students studying a Unit 1 VCE or VET subject:

- Year 10 students in Unit 1 Psychology shall attend onsite for scheduled double periods. Single periods shall continue as remote learning at home until 9 June. Their work for single periods shall be on the SIMON Forum.
- Other year 10 students studying a Unit 1 subject shall be contacted by the school with more details.
- Students travelling by bus are to stay on site for the duration of the schooling day from 8:30am to 3:20pm. They must sign in and sign out through the front office. When not in their Unit 1 scheduled classroom students are to continue their remote learning in the Literacy Hub, where they will be supervised, but not taught by a teacher. Their subject teachers will continue to teach them online.
- Students must be in the correct full winter uniform and will need to bring their own drink bottle.

For all students, as you prepare for a return to school, please use the following as a checklist PRIOR to the morning you are due to return :

- Have you tried on your WINTER uniform and sports uniform (including your shoes) to check that they fit comfortably?
- Do you have your planner? To help with the first few days you could write in your classes for each session.
- Is your lap top charged?
- Do you have your water bottle, lunch ready for the day, all your own pencils, pens, exercise books and resources? Sharing of personal resources is not encouraged.
- Have you got all of your books ready to bring back to school? On day one you might like to only take the books for your classes that day so that you do not need to carry them all at once.

### **DAY ONE:**

Whether your return date is 26 May or 9 June, the details for your first day back will be posted on SIMON under Daily Messages. Please go online and check the details **before** the morning you are due to return.

If you are not feeling well, you must stay home.

- Please ask your parent or guardian to contact the school to inform of absence
- Email your teachers

## **Wellbeing support**

- If you are feeling anxious or any other mental health issues, please make contact with your Pastoral Leader, Learning leader, our youth worker Adam Toms or the Director of Wellbeing, Mrs. Burton.

## **Health and Safety guidelines while at school**

- Students are to bring their own water bottle. Students shall not be able to drink directly from drinking fountains. Taps may be used to refill water bottles.
- Canteen facilities will only operate for recess food and lunches ordered at the start of the day. There will be no canteen facilities at recess and lunchtime for students to do walk up purchases.
- Students are to practice safe hygiene practices before, during and after school. Soap and water shall be provided in bathrooms and Hand sanitiser shall be available in every classroom, and it will be an expectation that all students will have their hands sanitised upon entry to every class, and sometimes even during class depending on the circumstances .
- At recess and lunch, senior students are to utilise the school grounds not congregate in common room and Language Centre corridors.
- Students should practise hand hygiene before and after catching school transport (i.e. prior to leaving home and at the end of the school day), and practise physical distancing at bus stops and interchange locations.
- Senior school common room kitchen is closed. No sharing of cutlery, plates, glassware, fridge, microwave facilities.
- Non-contact sports shall be encouraged at recess and lunch. Hand hygiene must be practised before and after use of any sporting equipment. Sporting equipment is to be cleaned after use.
- Students are no longer able to congregate in corridors or around locker areas
- Students are asked not to congregate at school entry and exit points at the beginning and end of the school day.
- Students are reminded to clean their phones regularly. Phones can be turned on with the COVID Safe app activated immediately before and after school.
- Students are advised that staff will be enforcing and practicing physical distancing.

## **If you start to feel unwell whilst at school:**

It is important that any student who becomes unwell reports to the office and returns home.

Students experiencing compatible symptoms with COVID-19, such as fever, cough or sore throat, will be isolated in an appropriate space with suitable supervision and collected by a parent/carer as soon as possible.

**In the case of a confirmed COVID 19 case in our school community, students, parents and staff shall be informed and remote learning shall resume for an amount of time recommended by the Chief Health Officer.**