



12 May 2020

## RETURN TO SCHOOL UPDATE

Dear parents and Carers

Again, thank you for all your support during these past few weeks of remote and flexible learning.

Following advice from the Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government has advised today that schools can begin a phased return to on-site schooling from Tuesday 26 May.

**In the first stage, students in Years 11 and 12 will return to school from Tuesday 26 May.**

During this first stage of returning to school (May 26-June 9) Year 10 students undertaking a Year 11 VCE study, including VET studies, should also attend school for those classes where practicable. Year 10 students attending school for VCE or VET classes will be provided with the option of remaining at school in a designated study space if they need to remain at school before or after their Year 11 class (i.e. they will be able to undertake the rest of the day's Year 10 classes through their Google Classrooms at school if they need to). On days when Year 10 students do not have any timetabled Year 11 classes they will be required to undertake their Year 10 classes from home (until June 9).

To support all school staff to prepare for this transition, **Monday 25 May has been designated as a state-wide pupil-free day.** This means that CSC has two pupil-free days coming up: Wednesday 20 May (Report Writing day re-scheduled from June 12, as per yesterday's update) and the new state-wide pupil free day on Monday 25 May. There will be no online classes or supervision for students at school on these days.

**In the second stage of our return to on-site schooling, all other year levels will return to school from Tuesday 9 June.**

For those students who cannot be supervised at home and vulnerable children, the existing model of on-site schooling will remain in place during the two-week period from Tuesday 26 May to Tuesday 9 June. The current process that we are using to enable parents and carers to indicate the days or part-days for which on-site schooling is required will continue for this two-week period.

All other students in Years 7-10 will continue learning from home until Tuesday 9 June.

Once a year level has returned, all students will be expected to attend school as normal. This means if you choose to keep your child/children home after their year level has returned to on-site schooling, we can no longer support their learning from home. This does not apply to children who need to be absent for health or medical reasons. For those families, please contact us so we can make an appropriate plan. This same approach is being taken by all government schools in Victoria.

To support the health and wellbeing of all our students and staff, our school will continue an enhanced cleaning routine and will encourage frequent hand washing.

If your child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice.

While the Chief Health Officer has advised that students will not be required to maintain physical distancing at school, there will be a number of important changes to our school operations, consistent with health advice. This will apply until further notice. I will provide more detail about our local school context as soon as possible, but it is important to note that changes will include:

- no camps or excursions until further notice
- no school assemblies until further notice
- restrictions on access to the school site for anyone other than immediate school staff and students;
- the way we conduct parent-teacher meetings and interviews

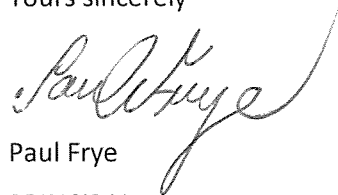
We understand that some families may feel anxious about this move back to classroom teaching and learning. I can assure you that this decision has been taken on the basis of the best health advice available to our state.

More information about the return to school and coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found on the Department's website, which will continue to be updated:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/departments/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

Thank you for your continued support and patience during this time. We look forward to welcoming our students back to the classroom.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Frye', written in a cursive style.

Paul Frye  
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