



Tuesday 20 July

Dear parents and carers,

As indicated in my previous update today, the state-wide lockdown has been extended for a further 7 days, until midnight on Tuesday 27 July. This will mean our return to on-site learning will now be Wednesday 28 July. Our current arrangements for remote and flexible learning will remain in place until then.

On-site supervision

Castlemaine Secondary College will continue to provide on-site supervision for students in the following categories:

Children where both parents and or carers are considered authorised workers who cannot work from home, work for an essential provider and where no other supervision arrangements can be made:

- where there are two parents/carers, both must be authorised workers, working outside the home in order for their children to be eligible for on-site provision.
- for single parents/ carers, the authorised worker must be working outside the home in order for their children to be eligible for on-site provision.

Children experiencing vulnerability, including:

- in out-of-home care
- deemed vulnerable by a government agency, funded family or family violence service, and assessed as requiring education and care outside the family home
- identified by a school or early childhood service as vulnerable, (including via referral from a government agency, or funded family or family violence service, homeless or youth justice service or mental health or other health service)
- where a parent/carer indicates that a student with a disability is vulnerable because they cannot learn from home, and/or informs the school the student is vulnerable due to family stress. This may apply to students enrolled in specialist schools and students with a disability enrolled in mainstream schools.

Pathways Information Evenings

Our pathways information evenings for Year 8 and Year 11 students, scheduled for Wednesday evening, 21 July, will go ahead online. Both presentations will commence at **6pm** and will be streamed via WebEx. For those families who are unable to make it, both recordings will be made available on our website the following day. I have attached some instructions for how to access the presentation via WebEx, the links are provided below. You will be able to login five minutes prior to the event starting.

For current Year 8 students

<https://eduvic.webex.com/eduvic/j.php?MTID=md68d2744eccffedb9a973ceadc8f4a7c>

Or if you already have WebEx installed:

Event number: 165 562 9964

Event password: q2mNFNh52Jq (72663645 from phones)

For current Year 11 students

<https://eduvic.webex.com/eduvic/j.php?MTID=m9be465ae4e3bfea2f6d9925cd5bcc418>

Or if you already have WebEx installed:

Event number (access code): 165 460 5961

Event password: k9Vby6MtmT2 (59829668 from phones)

Front Office Opening Hours

Our school Reception will continue to remain open every day during Remote Learning between the hours of 8:30am and 12:30pm. The school telephone line will also be open during normal office hours. Please consider whether or not your visit to the college is necessary under current COVIDsafe guidelines.

Year 10 Work Experience

Unfortunately, due to the extension of this current lockdown, all Year 10 work placements organised for this week will need to be cancelled. Can I please request that families make contact with the employer who was going to provide your child with this experience to thank them and let them know we will explore options once there is an easing of restrictions to ensure students do not miss out on this valuable experience? Mr Cook will send out further information to all families in the coming days.

Student check-ins

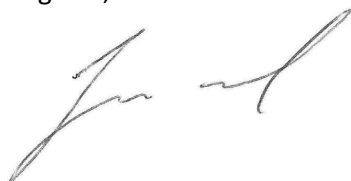
Our mentor teachers are making contact with each student in their group each day to ensure they have everything they need and check they are going ok. These check-ins may be conducted via Google Classrooms, Xuno or another online platform. If you have any concerns about your child and their learning progress or their wellbeing, please reach out to the mentor as the first point of contact. A reminder also that a member of our wellbeing team will be on call each day to provide remote support for students who need it.

I also encourage you to contact teachers via email or XUNO messaging. If you can't make contact with a teacher, or if you're not sure who you should speak to regarding an inquiry, then please contact Reception via telephone (5479 1111) or email (castlemaine.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au).

My next update to parents and carers will be on **Wednesday 21 July**.

Stay home, stay safe and I look forward to welcoming all students back on-site.

Regards,



Simon Wood

Acting Principal – Castlemaine Secondary College