



Wednesday 21 July

Dear parents and carers,

I hope the first day of the extended lockdown has treated you well. I also hope it was an opportunity for your child, or children, to continue their engagement in remote and flexible learning at Castlemaine Secondary College. It has been very quiet on-site here and I am looking forward to being able to welcome all students back on-site very soon.

A reminder that if you are planning to send your child to the college for on-site supervision, please complete the attached form and email it to castlemaine.sc@education.vic.gov.au.

Tonight we have the Year 8 and Year 11 Pathways Information Evenings being conducted via WebEx. Information about these sessions was sent out in yesterday's update and communicated to families of those year levels today. We are looking forward to see you online.

Course counselling sessions will continue in the coming days and are a great opportunity to discuss options for next year and beyond. I encourage all families of students in years 8-11 to participate.

Ian Cook communicated with all parents of Year 10 students today to announce that, unfortunately, Work Experience will need to be postponed indefinitely. As I indicated yesterday, we will look for alternatives to allow this to happen later on this year. I am also keen to hear your feedback about the value of rescheduling Work Experience for later on this year. If you are a parent of a Year 10 student can you please complete this short survey? There are only 2 questions and I will leave the survey open until Friday 30 June.

<https://forms.gle/JU4cKhGfw7eafKHN6>

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 on an individual or group basis 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.

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@education.vic.gov.au).

My next update to parents and carers will be on **Thursday 22 July**.

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

Regards,

Simon Wood
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