



Friday 27 August

Dear parents and carers,

Today's update will be brief and will provide a reminder about accessing on-site learning and another great wellbeing resource for parents.

I hope you all have a great weekend and I look forward to communicating with you again next week.

On-site supervision

Under the new strengthened restrictions in place across Victoria, an authorised worker [permit](#) will be required for authorised workers to attend a workplace.

This also means parents and carers can only request on-site supervision at school for their child/ren in the below categories.

Category A

Children where both parents and or carers are considered [authorised workers](#) who cannot work from home, work for an authorised 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 at school.

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 at school.

Parents and carers who are authorised workers will need an authorised worker [permit from their employers](#) to access on-site supervision for their child/ren in Category A.

For those requesting on-site learning under Category A, a copy of your authorised worker permit or permits must be submitted to Castlemaine Secondary College as soon as practicable after it is issued.

Category B

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, the school must provide on-site supervision for that student. This may apply to students enrolled in specialist schools and students with a disability enrolled in mainstream schools.

An authorised worker permit is not required for accessing on-site supervision under Category B.

When a permit is not required

In rare circumstances, a parent/carer does not need a worker permit. This includes law enforcement, emergency services or health care workers who carry employer-issued photographic identification. More information is available at [Authorised provider and authorised worker permit](#).

I have attached an on-site attendance form, which must be completed and sent to Castlemaine.sc@education.vic.gov.au prior to your child attending on-site.

Wellbeing Support Brochure

I have also attached great resource “Wellbeing activities and conversation starters for parents of secondary school-aged children” which you may find useful. All activities are based on the ‘Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships teaching and learning material’.

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).

Stay home, stay safe and we look forward to welcoming all students back on-site as soon as it is safe to do so.

My next update to parents and carers will be on Monday 30 August.

Regards,

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

Simon Wood
Acting Principal – Castlemaine Secondary College