



Friday 3 September

Dear parents and carers,

First and foremost, thank you to you all for your ongoing support of your child and the learning program at Castlemaine Secondary College. As we enter the last two weeks of term, it is important that all students remain engaged in remote and flexible learning to ensure they stay connected to their learning and the college.

This update will provide an announcement from College Principal, Paul Frye. It will also give a reminder about notifying us if you intend to access on-site supervision for your child. Finally, there is information about accessing vaccinations for Year 12 students.

It is also important to note that, until further notice, all camps and excursions at the college are to be postponed or cancelled. Our first preference is to postpone, however this depends on future availability and restrictions.

#### **Announcement from Paul Frye**

I have attached a letter from Paul, which outlines his decision to relinquish the role of College Principal at Castlemaine Secondary College. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Paul on behalf of the entire CSC community for his work over many years at the college. At an appropriate time, we will look for a way to acknowledge this formally.

The selection process for the new substantive principal will occur throughout term four. The Department of Education has a rigorous, transparent and well-defined selection processes that will be used to guide the process. It is anticipated the successful applicant will commence at the start of the 2022 school year.

#### **On site supervision**

Current arrangements will continue. An authorised worker [permit](#) will be required for authorised workers to attend a workplace, and 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 our school 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.

## Vaccination blitz

In my last update I provided information about how students in Year 12 could access the priority timeslots to receive a vaccination. We have been liaising with Castlemaine Health and can share that they are now offering appointments to Year 12 students at CSC. Please follow the link below and once registered, the students will be contacted within a few days and a booking link sent to them.

[Loddon Mallee Registration Hub](#)

For further information contact Shelley Leatham @ Castlemaine Health 5471 3515.

## A reminder: COVID-19 and Vaccination – Your questions answered webinar

The Victorian Department of Health is hosting a live webinar for final year high school students, their families and educators to provide information on COVID-19 vaccination. You can join the free webinar on Friday 3 September, 4.00-5.00pm via this [link](#) (no need to register).

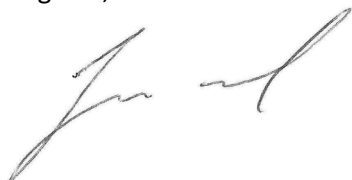
Topics covered include:

- Vaccines, development and safety
- Accessing and consenting to a vaccination
- How to book an appointment
- Q+A with the panel.

This event will be held via Microsoft Teams Live. For access information, visit [Attend a live event in Teams](#).

Thank you again, for supporting your child's learning during this time. My next update will be on Monday 6 September.

Regards,



Simon Wood

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