



Monday 6 September

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all enjoyed some time outside over the weekend. This update will provide access to a mental health and wellbeing webinar and a reminder about the requirements for accessing on-site supervision. There is also information for students in certain Unit 4 subjects about coming on-site to complete final assessment tasks.

Supporting Young People and their mental health

As parents and carers, you play a significant role in the mental health and wellbeing of your young person. This webinar will help you build your knowledge on mental health literacy, learn skills to start the conversation with your young person about their mental health, and help guide and support them to the most appropriate help and local support, should the need arise. Join us for this free webinar at **7pm on Monday 13th September**, brought to you by headspace National, headspace Bendigo and Castlemaine Secondary College. Please [click here](#) to register. We encourage all parents/carers to register, even if they cannot join the webinar, as all registered participants will receive a digital pack that will contain a vast array of useful information on this important topic.

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**.

On-Site attendance for preparation and participation in Permitted Essential Assessment

The Acting Chief Health Officer has approved additional Unit 4 studies for students to attend on-site. These studies at Castlemaine Secondary College include:

- VET Engineering Studies
- VET Kitchen Operations
- VET Music Sound Production

Specific health controls will be in place for all students and staff to keep everyone safe if on-site attendance is necessary. Individual students will be contacted by their teacher if on-site attendance is required to finalise essential assessment tasks.

In these times of continuing uncertainty, your support for the learning program we are implementing at Castlemaine Secondary College is very much appreciated.

My next update will be on Tuesday 7 September.

Regards,

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

Simon Wood
Acting Principal – Castlemaine Secondary College