



Tuesday 7 September

Dear parents and carers,

I hope your child is doing well with the continuation of remote and flexible learning. This brief update will provide further advice about accessing a COVID vaccination appointment and confirmation of the learning arrangements for the rest of Term 3.

### **COVID Vaccination Appointments for Unit 4 Students**

Some parents have been in touch with me to share their experiences attempting to get a vaccination appointment using the information I provided to families of senior students over the weekend. It seems some parents are attempting to book in local appointments through the state-wide rollout, only to be told there are no local appointments available, meaning travel is the only option. An alternative to this, if you wish to seek a local appointment, is to register through the Loddon Mallee Registration Hub, which can be accessed here: <https://www.castlemainehealth.org.au/coronavirus/vaccinations/>. Vaccination is voluntary. Parents and students should speak to a doctor or pharmacist if they have questions about the vaccine.

### **Term 3 Arrangements**

You may have heard Daniel Andrews' Press Conference today, during which he confirmed there will not be a return to face-to-face learning for schools this term. While this is obviously not the news we would like to hear, it is important we continue to follow the health advice to keep everyone safe. I will continue to update all members of the college community as further information comes to hand.

### **Keeping in touch**

Please let us know if your child requires any extra support during remote learning. A member of our wellbeing team is 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@education.vic.gov.au](mailto: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 Wednesday 8 September.

Regards,

Simon Wood  
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