



Thursday 9 September

Dear parents and carers,

As covered in my update yesterday, the Victorian Government has announced changes to schooling in regional Victoria.

Based on advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, students in Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) Units 3/4 and final year Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) enrolled in schools in regional Victoria (except for Greater Shepparton) will attend on-site from tomorrow, Friday 10 September.

The existing remote learning program will continue for all other year levels, with on-site supervision only available for those students who were previously eligible for on-site supervision under the vulnerable children or children of authorised workers category.

No additional students in Years 7 to 11 will be able to attend on-site except if both parents are authorised workers. Every effort should be made to find alternative arrangements under this circumstance. On-site supervision should only be accessed where there are no other options available. The appropriate paperwork, attached, must be completed if you intend to access on-site supervision.

If a student does not have a Unit 3/4 class they will be directed to the library or other suitable space across the college. This includes Year 11 students who come on-site for a Unit 4 subject. Students in Year 11 or 12 who have completed their classes for the day may also sign out and leave the college.

For the remainder of this term, uniform is not required for students who are attending on-site. Instead, neat casual attire is expected.

For tomorrow only, the college canteen will **not** be open. From Monday 13 September, it will operate at a reduced capacity to cater for the students who are on-site.

School staff and secondary school students aged 12 or older must always wear a face mask indoors and outdoors at school, unless a lawful exception applies (such as eating, drinking or exercising).

We look forward to welcoming some classes back to face-to-face learning, and will ensure that remaining year levels undertaking remote and flexible learning continue to be supported.

Further information will be provided in my next update to parents and carers on Friday 10 September.

Regards,

Simon Wood
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