



Friday 10 September

Dear parents and carers,

It was great to see Unit 4 students back on-site today and engaging in face-to-face learning. I visited students in the library working on Maths and also called into classrooms where students were completing work in subjects like Art, Chemistry and Physics. There was a general feeling of calmness as students diligently engaged in their work and they are to be congratulated for the way they have approached the return today.

This brief update will provide details of a further opportunity to attend a live webinar from the Victorian Department of Health. I have also included an update on current restrictions in schools.

#### **COVID-19 Webinar**

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Topics covered include:

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

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

#### **On-site learners – Important Messages**

All 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).

#### **Collecting items from school premises**

Staff and students can attend school sites to pick up laptops/workbooks and any other items that are **essential** for the period of remote learning (including collecting/submitted equipment and items essential for VCE assessments).

Staff and students who attend to do this must adhere to the face mask requirements, collect the items and leave immediately, remaining on-site for the minimum time required to collect these items.

#### **Structured workplace learning (SWL) and work experience**

SWL and work experience placements can resume in **regional Victoria (excluding Greater Shepparton)**, for students who reside in regional Victoria (excluding Greater Shepparton).

#### **Camps and excursions**

Camps and excursions for Victorian schools cannot take place at this time.

### **School events, gatherings, and assemblies**

School events, gatherings, assemblies, and non-essential meetings should be deferred or held remotely in regional Victoria.

#### Bell Times

Bell times will remain the same for the remainder of this term:

9:00 – 9:15: Mentor 'Check in'

9:15 – 10:00: Period 1

10:00 – 10:45: Period 2

10:45-11:15 –Morning Break

11:15 – 12:00: Period 3

12:00 – 12:45: Period 4

12:45-1:45 – Lunch Break

1:45 – 2:30: Period 5

2:30 – 3:15: Period 6

I hope you are able to take advantage of the slight relaxation of restrictions this weekend. My next update will be on Monday 13 September.

Regards,

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

Simon Wood

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