



Wednesday 15 September

Dear parents and carers,

It was great to see our Year 12 students in their English practice exam on-site today. The English staff had them set up in an appropriate fashion, socially distanced across several rooms, and students appeared engaged and doing their best. I hope this was a valuable experience for them in readiness for the commencement of the exam period in Term 4.

I am pleased to be able to announce that I have today been offered and accepted a continuation of the Acting Principal role at Castlemaine Secondary College for Term 4. I am proud to be able to continue my work at the college and appreciate the opportunity to do so. These are challenging times in which we live but I hope this news provides you and your child with some certainty for Term 4.

The recent announcement of a further lockdown in Ballarat has demonstrated how quickly things are changing in Victoria and how the government's approach is adapting from state-wide lockdowns to a more localised response. I anticipate the roadmap to be announced on Sunday will give us further information about what to expect in the coming months. Hopefully a return to on-site learning for all students will be possible from the commencement of Term 4.

This term I have aimed to provide up-to-date and useful information for you and your family through these updates. My next update will be on Thursday 16 of September and will be my final one for the term unless there is something urgent I need to communicate with you all on Friday.

Take care of yourselves and each other.

Regards,

Simon Wood
Acting Principal – Castlemaine Secondary College