



Friday 16 July

Dear parents and carers,

As I indicated yesterday, the Premier has announced new restrictions for Victoria. The purpose of this update is to reiterate some of the key information from yesterday. The restrictions will be in place from 11.59pm Thursday 15 July for a 5-day period.

Following advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, all Victorian schools will move to a period of remote and flexible learning from Friday 16 July to Tuesday 20 July inclusive. While we remain hopeful that areas of regional Victoria will come out of lockdown sooner than Wednesday, we have planned for our classes to be delivered online until the end of the day on Tuesday 20 July.

Information about how students will be able to access remote learning for this time period were communicated last night's update, some of the most important information is repeated below.

As with other remote learning periods, our school will provide on-site supervision for students in the following categories:

Children where both parents and/or carers are authorised workers who cannot work from home, work for an essential 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
- 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.

Children experiencing vulnerability, including:

- children in out-of-home care
- children deemed vulnerable by a government agency, funded family or family violence service, and is assessed as requiring education and care outside the family home
- children 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.

We also ask that students attending onsite are booked in so that we are able to provide adequate supervision. Attached to this message (on Xuno) is an On-site Attendance Form. If you require supervision for Monday and/or Tuesday, the attached form needs to be completed and emailed back to the school. This can be sent through to the college email: castlemaine.sc@education.vic.gov.au

Information is also available to [support your child's learning from home](#).

Delivery of classes

Students will receive the information they need to access their online classrooms **through their college Gmail account**. Remote Learning will be delivered primarily through Google Classrooms, as it was during the last period of remote and flexible learning. We will communicate the student's individual codes to students this afternoon (Friday 16 July) via email to the student's Gmail address. Parents will also be notified via email when this information has been sent. For Monday 19 July and Tuesday 20 July, classes will run as per the bell times below.

Bell Times

During remote learning bell times will be slightly altered. Mentor Group will not run in the morning. Classes for all students will commence at 9.15am.

Bell times for **Monday and Tuesday** are as follows:

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

Students are expected to be in front of their computer, ready to commence their class at the beginning of each period. Teachers will either be in Google Meets at the start of the class or will provide instructions on the screen about work to go on with. Teachers will be available to work online with students individually or in small groups during each scheduled class.

Work Experience

Unfortunately Work Experience for our Year 10 students will be cancelled for at least Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 July. We will wait on further advice from DET before making a decision about the remainder of the week. **In lieu of Work Experience taking place, regular Year 10 classes will run for Monday and Tuesday.**

Accessing Support

Reception opening hours

Our school Reception will remain open every day during Remote Learning between the hours of 8:30am and 12:30pm. The school telephone line will also be open during normal office hours.

CSC Library services during remote learning

During remote learning, our Library staff will continue to provide services and programs to support students. Information on these services can be found on the Library website, which is accessible via the College website under Learning > Library.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Library with any requests or questions via the "Contact Us" link on the Library website homepage. <http://csclibrary.global2.vic.edu.au/>

Keeping in touch

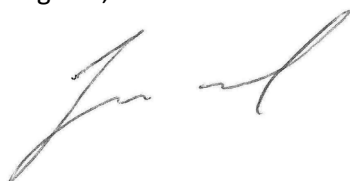
Please let us know if your child requires any extra support during remote learning. A member of our wellbeing team will be on-site each day to provide remote support for students who need it.

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@edumail.vic.gov.au).

My next update to parents and carers will be on **Monday 19 July** unless there is something urgent I need to communicate prior to that.

Stay home, stay safe and I look forward to welcoming all students back on-site.

Regards,



Simon Wood