



Thursday 26 August

Dear parents and carers,

With case numbers continuing to rise across the state it is more important than ever to continue following the stay-at-home orders currently in place. I thank all members of the Castlemaine Secondary College community for the work being done to keep everyone safe. Yesterday's update provided advice from the Department of Education and Training about the continued COVID-19 vaccination roll-out. I encourage you to support your child to access a vaccination appointment as soon as they become eligible.

Today's update will focus on the recent release of NAPLAN results and an additional resource from our wellbeing team

NAPLAN Results

While we know that, especially in the current context, our NAPLAN results are far from all that matter; the wellbeing of all our students, as always, is our first priority. That being said, it is still important to celebrate the enormously encouraging results we see from this year.

Victorian Year 7 students achieved the highest scores of any jurisdiction for the foundation skills of Reading and Numeracy, and our Year 9 students achieved the highest scores for Spelling.

To read more about these achievements you can click [here](#). I have also included a 'highlights' document which is attached to this Parent Update.

Individual NAPLAN results for all students in years 7 and 9 will be distributed once they are available.

Wellbeing Support Brochure

I have attached a handy document with QR code links to a range of external support services for young people. Don't forget the Wellbeing Team at Castlemaine Secondary College is also able to support students with a range of concerns.

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).

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 Friday 27 August.

Regards,

Simon Wood
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