



Wednesday 13 October

Dear parents and carers,

It has been great to see almost all of our students back on-site this week. Tomorrow our Year 8 and 9 students return to remote and flexible learning and our Year 10 students will be joining us on-site.

The staggered approach to returning to the classroom remains unchanged and I have included the timeline below.

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Thursday 14 October	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓
Friday 15 October	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓
Weekend						
Monday 18 October	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓
Tuesday 19 October	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
Wednesday 20 October	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	✓
Thursday 21 October	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓
Friday 22 October	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓
Weekend						
Monday 25 October	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓
Tuesday 26 October	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

### New Staff

I am pleased to be able to welcome new staff to the college who are covering staff on leave. Carys Chalkin-McDonald has joined us in the Maths department and Bryan Keely has joined us in PE and Health. Finally, it is great to also welcome Arnaud Gallois who will be teaching French for the remainder of the year. If your child is directly impacted by these staffing changes, you will be notified through Xuno. I am sure you will join me in welcoming these staff to the Castlemaine Secondary College community.

### Year 12 Final Days

Our Year 12 students have been diligently working towards their final assessments and preparing for their end of year examinations. This is also a time of celebration for these students as they reach the culmination of 13 years of education. I spoke with all Year 12 students today about how they will be supported to mark this important occasion in the coming days.

Activities will include:

- Four days of dress ups with themes ranging from 'the first letter of their name' to 'the decades'
- Dress up the college evening which will take place on Tuesday 19 October
- Final day breakfast to take place on the soccer oval on Wednesday 20 October at 7.30am
- Dress up parade on-site for all Year 12 students

Unfortunately, due to current restrictions, we will be unable to have visitors on-site to watch the parade and join in with the other festivities. We are currently working on how we can include at least the Year 11 students and siblings from other year levels in the parade next Wednesday. Further information, including the importance for all students to engage in these activities safely and respectfully, will be sent out shortly.

Finally from me, a reminder regarding face masks. I can see compliance with this expectation is very high at the moment and it is important this remains high to keep everyone in the college community safe.

For all school settings, the Victorian Chief Health Officer:

- Directs all secondary school students to always wear a face mask indoors and outdoors at school, unless a lawful exception applies.
- Directs all secondary school students to always wear a face mask when travelling to and from school on public transport, taxis or ride share vehicles.

There are a [number of lawful reasons for not wearing a face mask](#), including for staff and students who are unable to wear a face mask due to the nature of their disability, medical or a mental health condition. The previous list of students who have a mask exemption will be reinstated. If you have a lawful reason why your child cannot wear a face mask and have not previously told the college about this. Please notify the Front Office as soon as possible.


A face mask must cover the nose and mouth. Face shields, scarves or bandanas do not meet these requirements. Refusal to wear a mask without a lawful exemption is a breach of the Victorian Chief Health Officer Directions.

I 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](mailto:castlemaine.sc@education.vic.gov.au)).

I will continue to provide updates when there is vital information which needs to be shared with you all.

Take care of yourselves and each other.

Regards,

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

Simon Wood  
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