



Monday 18 October

Dear parents and carers,

We are very excited to share that the timeline for the [staged return to onsite learning](#) is being brought forward and all students will now be back in the classroom full time from and including **Friday 22 October**.

This has all been made possible thanks to parents, teachers, students and the broader Victorian community stepping up to get vaccinated in great numbers across our community.

The Roadmap is based on advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer and sets out the staged return to onsite learning in Term 4.

For Castlemaine Secondary College students, the return now looks like this:

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

If we return to a further period of remote and flexible learning to due a localised lockdown, I will advise you about the restrictions in place at that time. For the foreseeable future, I strongly recommend all students take their learning materials home with them each day because these shorter lockdowns can be announced with very little notice.

As previously communicated, all students on-site are required to wear a face mask. I have repeated further information about this below.

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.

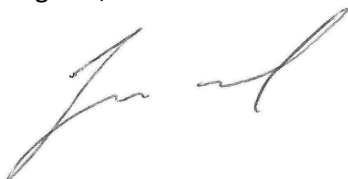
A face mask must cover the nose and mouth. Face shields, scarves or bandanas do not meet these requirements. Refusal to wear a mask without a lawful exemption is a breach of the Victorian Chief Health Officer Directions.

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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