

ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL

7 September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

The Victorian Government has released its plan for easing coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions. It includes the following decisions about school operations. There will be more detailed advice through this week which I will share with you as soon as I can. I realise that it is disappointing that we continue this pathway, as I know you would all prefer that we were back at school. Please be reassured that we will organise the smoothest transition back for P-2 learners and we will continue to provide our 3-6's with engaging and quality learning programs that support all students and their families.

Term 3

All schools will continue to provide remote and flexible learning for the remainder of Term 3, except specialist schools in rural and regional Victoria, consistent with current settings.

School concludes at St Anthony's on Wednesday 16 September. Staff will be planning for our return of multiple learning deliveries in term 4 on Thursday 17 and Friday 18 September. Vacation care will operate during the school holidays but only for students who were eligible for onsite supervision at school in Term 3.

First week of Term 4, 5-9 October

- Remote and flexible learning will continue for all students.
- Onsite supervision for children of permitted workers and vulnerable students will continue to be provided consistent with existing guidelines.

Second week of Term 4, 12 October – return to onsite learning

- Students in Prep to Grade 2 return to full-time onsite schooling. The existing remote learning program will not continue for these year levels.
- Remote and flexible learning will continue for all students in Grade 3 to Year 10, other than for children of permitted workers and vulnerable students.
- Students in Level 3-6 whose parents are permitted workers with a work permit can attend onsite to access remote learning with supervision.

Dates to be confirmed, subject to health advice

- All students from Grade 3 to Year 10 in metropolitan Melbourne will continue with remote and flexible learning. A date for the return of these year levels to face-to-face learning will be subject to further health advice.
- During the staged return, outside school hours care will be available to students attending for onsite supervision and progressively for the relevant year levels returning to on-site learning.

In circumstances like these, there can understandably be a lot of concern and uncertainty about the safety of your child. Please know that I am available to discuss your concerns with you, and will provide any revised advice to you as soon as it becomes available.

Regards

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