

23 September 2021

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are enjoying the holidays and some time away from screens. Once again, I would like to thank you for the resilience, hard work and support you've shown throughout the roller coaster that was Term 3. Remote and flexible learning is not easy but with everyone's hard work, students continue to make valuable progress in their learning.

On Sunday the Premier announced a staged return to onsite learning during Term 4. The purpose of this update is to outline what this might look like for our students. It is important to remember that this timeline is subject to change and is dependent on vaccination rates and COVID case numbers.

Today, the Deputy Premier released initial information about work being done in school regarding ventilation assessments, carbon dioxide monitoring and air purification devices in schools. We will continue to update students and families as further health advice and information is released.

A. Staged Return to Onsite Learning (Subject to change)

Weeks 1 – 3 Term 4: Tuesday 05 – Monday 25 October 2021

- Monday 04 October is a Professional Practice Day for staff. No classes
- Remote and flexible learning will continue for all students.
- On-site supervision for children of authorised workers and vulnerable students.

Week 4 and 5 Term 4 Tuesday 26 October – Thursday 04 November

- Year 7 students return to on-site schooling. Students attend every day.
- Years 8 and 9 attend school on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Year 10 attend school on Thursday and Friday.
- Remote and flexible learning continues for Years 8, 9 and 10 on days they are not at school.
- On-site supervision remains available for students in Year 8 to Year 10 who are the children of permitted workers.

Week 5 Term 4 Friday 05 November ->

- It is anticipated that all students will return to full time onsite learning from **Friday 05 November**.

B. Timetable Changes for Term 4

There are some minor changes to the Term 4 timetable. Students are asked to check SIMON on Monday 04 October to see if they are affected.

C. Vaccinations for 12 +

As part of the COVID-19 vaccination rollout, all Victorians aged 12 and older are [now eligible to book and receive a COVID-19 vaccine](#) at a state vaccination centre, a Commonwealth vaccination centre, or through a GP clinic, pharmacy or community health service.

Vaccination bookings for students can be made by following the instructions on the [corona virus website](#).

Vaccination is not mandatory, but is strongly encouraged. Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect our community from further outbreaks and the spread of COVID-19. Families with concerns may wish to discuss vaccinations with their doctor.

D. Fee Relief

We remind families that the College can and will provide support to families in relation to fees. It has always been central to our mission that no young person should miss out on a Catholic education due to a families' financial circumstances. This is the reason that we have always kept tuition fees as low as possible.

Please contact Anne Ross, the College Bursar, by email crcaccounts@crcstalbans.com.au or phone (0427 036 925) to discuss your individual situation and how we can assist.

E. Refund: Camps, Sports and Excursions Levy

As camps, interschool sport and a number of excursions have been cancelled, levies for these activities will be deducted from the 2021 fees. The only exception is the Outdoor Education levy for Semester 1 classes, as these students completed all planned activities.

For families who have paid their fees and levies in full, the additional amount paid will be credited to next year's fees. **However, if you prefer a refund, please contact the finance team to arrange this.**

Mrs Ross will contact all Year 10 families who have paid in full to see what they would like to do with the credit. It can be refunded, go towards fees at CRC Sydenham or cover the cost of purchasing the student laptop.

New accounts will be sent to families in early Term 4 to reflect the deduction of the levies.

Please note:

The deduction of this levy does not apply to families who received fee relief during the year as these deductions are already incorporated into the payment plan.

Again, thank you to everyone for all you have done and continue to do. We look forward to the return to onsite learning during Tem 4. Enjoy the break.

Kind regards



Christina Utri
Principal