

20 October 2021

Dear Students and Families,

Thank you for all your support and hard work since we went into lockdown in early August. Whilst it has been a challenging time, you have all done such an amazing job. Congratulations.

We are looking forward to welcoming Years 7 and 10 students on Friday 22 October, and then Years 8 and 9 on Tuesday 26 October.

Remember that it is a staggered return. Only Year 7 students will be in every day. Other year levels will be in for two days each week. This will continue until the Government announces a full return to school.

This table shows where you will be learning / working on which day.

	<b>Mondays</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>Fridays</b>
<b>Year 7</b>	School	School	School	School	School
<b>Year 8</b>	Home	School	School	Home	Home
<b>Year 9</b>	Home	School	School	Home	Home
<b>Year 10</b>	Home	Home	Home	School	School

With this letter, we have included an updated *Return to Onsite Learning Guide* for students and families.

To assist with the transition back to school; students and families are reminded of the following:

- Up until Cup Weekend students can wear either their winter or summer uniform. After Cup Weekend, it will be summer uniform only.
- The Canteen will **not** be open so students will need to bring lunch. Families will need to think this through as there is no access to hot water or microwaves.
- Students need to wear a mask, to and from school, and whilst at school.
- Students will need to bring a drink bottle as drinking fountains cannot be used.
- Food cannot be shared.
- Frequent handwashing is encouraged, and hand sanitizer is provided throughout the school, and will be used at the beginning and end of class, and as it is needed throughout the day.

- Entry and exit to the school is via the Theodore, Arthur and Winfred Street gates.
- As there are currently no afterschool activities, students are asked to go straight home.
- Study support will run in Rooms 35, 36 and 37.
- The library is closed. Students who are waiting for parents need to attend study support.
- Doors and windows to classrooms will be open to assist with ventilation.
- Where possible, parents and carers are asked to contact the school by phone, rather than visiting.

To support the health and wellbeing of all students and staff, our school will continue an enhanced cleaning routine. This includes additional cleaning staff and progressive cleaning throughout the day to ensure that risks of transmission through high touch surfaces are reduced.

The College has completed a ventilation audit to ensure maximum natural ventilation through the school. Most areas are well ventilated. At this stage we do not have any details about the roll out of air purifiers but expect more information in the next few weeks.

To stop the spread of COVID, it is important that students stay at home if they are unwell and that they get a COVID test if they have any of the symptoms of a cold or flu.

If a student tests positive, families are asked to notify the school immediately. This will allow us to liaise with MACS and the Department of Health to begin the process of contact tracing, working out which students and staff need to isolate and to organise a deep clean of the school.

In case of a school closure, families would initially be notified through text message. More detailed information would then follow with updates as per normal.

If a family member tests positive students will need to isolate at home for the required period. Families are asked to notify the school so that work can be provided.

Please read the *Return to School Guide* carefully. Should you have further questions, please email [enquiries@crcstalbens.com.au](mailto:enquiries@crcstalbens.com.au) or call the school and we will do our best to answer them.

Again, thank you for your continued support and patience during this time. We look forward to welcoming students back to the classroom over the coming week.

Yours sincerely,



Christina Utri  
Principal