

28 October 2021

Dear Students and Families,

This week's staggered return to onsite learning has gone really well. It has been great to hear laughter and excited voices in the yard and to see the smiles on faces. I thank staff for all they've done to prepare for the return, and students for their adherence to our COVID safe practices. All have been terrific.

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers the students and families who have been impacted by COVID and are isolating.

As Victoria is due to reach 80% double vaccinated by the weekend, students will return to full time onsite learning from **Wednesday 03 November**. Monday 01 November is a student free day.

In line with the further easing of restrictions, the following changes will be made to our COVID safe practices from Wednesday:

- The canteen **will be open** for normal service. Students will have access to microwaves and hot water.
- Masks will need to be worn indoors, including corridors, but are no longer mandated outdoors. It is important that students have a mask with them at all times.

All other practices continue as outlined in the *Return to School Guide*.

Reminders

With the return to onsite learning and the number of COVID cases in the community, there is an increased possibility of a COVID positive person being onsite. To mitigate the risk:

- Students need to stay home if they are unwell and get a test if they have COVID symptoms.
- If a student tests positive, please notify the school soon as possible.
- If students are a close contact of a positive case they need to isolate at home for the required period. Families are asked to notify the school so that work can be provided.
- Should there be a positive case onsite, the school will liaise with MACS to work out close contacts and who will need to isolate.
- Students need to take laptops and resources home at the end of the day, in case of a school closure.
- Students will continue to work in year level bubbles with a staggered recess and lunch to reduce the impact of a positive case.

- 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.
- Where possible, parents/carers are asked to phone the school rather than coming to the office.

Again, thank you for your continued support and patience during this time. We look forward to having the full school onsite from Wednesday.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Christina Utri', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Christina Utri
Principal