



Covid-19 Newsletter 4

Principal Message – Mrs Joanne Webster

13th May 2020

Dear Families,

Again, many thanks to you all for your continued support these past few weeks with remote and flexible learning.

Following advice from the Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government and Catholic Education, schools can begin a phased return to onsite schooling.

In the first stage, students in **Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 will return to school from Tuesday 26th May.**

To support all school staff to prepare for this transition, Monday 25th May will be a student-free day. This means the school will be closed to all students, including essential workers and vulnerable students.

In the second stage, of our return to onsite school, all other levels, **Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will return to school from Tuesday 9th June.**

For those students who cannot be supervised at home and vulnerable children, the existing model of onsite school will remain in place during the two-week period from Tuesday 26th May to Friday 5th June.

All other students (Years 3-6), will continue learning from home until their return on Tuesday 9th June.

Once a year level has returned, all students are expected to attend school as normal. This means if you choose to keep your child/children home after their year level has returned to onsite schooling, we can no longer support their learning from home.

This approach is being taken by all Catholic and Government schools in Victoria.

To continue to support the health and wellbeing of students and staff, our school will continue an enhanced cleaning routine and will encourage frequent hand washing or hand sanitising.

If your child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice. Upon return a medical certificate will be required.

While the Chief Health Officer has advised that students will not be required to maintain physical distancing at school, there will be a number of important changes to school operations, consistent with health advice to all schools. This will be made available in next week's newsletter. For now, these will apply until further notice. It is important to note that changes include: -

- adjusted arrangements for drop off and pick up, including staggered school start and finish times
- restrictions to access to the school site for anyone other than immediate school staff and students
- the way we conduct learning conversations.

Again, in next week's newsletter these details will be further communicated.

We understand that some families may feel anxious about this move back to classroom teaching and learning. This decision has been taken on the basis of the best health advice available in our state.

More information about the return to school and Coronavirus (COVID 19) can be found on the CECV website, which will continue to be updated: www.cecv.catholic.edu.au/Coronavirus-information-for-parents.

Thank you again for your continued support and patience during this time. We look forward to welcoming students back to the classroom.

WELLBEING WEDNESDAY 20th MAY

We have noticed over the last week, online fatigue setting in for students and staff, so to support all with their wellbeing, next Wednesday 20th May will be having a "Wellbeing Wednesday". Teachers will post as well as have conversations on Google Meet, a menu of wellbeing activities students may participate in on the day, that are screen free. We hope this supports all the family, including mums and dads, or aunts and uncles who have been supporting children with their online learning, to have a day away from screens, a day to slow down and reflect on positive wellbeing, free of responding or completing tasks or uploading learning.



We thank you as always for your partnership in the learning.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to all the students who may have had a birthday this week!!

PRAYER

Eternal God,
your Son Jesus Christ
is the way, the truth and the life for all creation;
grant us grace to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.

Amen

