Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support with remote and flexible learning this term.

Following advice from the Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government has advised that schools can begin a phased return to on-site schooling.

To support all school staff to prepare for this transition, Monday 25th May will be a pupil-free day and no remote learning or on-site learning will be occurring.

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

Please note it is extremely important the laptops are brought back as the students will need to use them at school on Tuesday. There will be staggered times for the return of laptops. They will need to be returned to the office and signed in by an adult on Monday 25th May.

- Prep/Foundation come from 9:30 to 10am
- Year 1 students 10:00 to 10:30am
- Year 2 students 10:30 to 11am

In the second stage of our return to on-site schooling, Year 3 to 6 students will return to school from Tuesday 9th June.

There will also be staggered times for the return of laptops for the Yr 3 to 6 students. All laptops will need to be returned to the office and signed in by an adult on Friday June 5th.

- Year 3/4 students at 11:30 to 12pm
- Year 5/6 students 12:15 to 12:45pm

Please note it is extremely important the laptops are brought back as the students will need to use them at school on Tuesday 9th June.

For those students who cannot be supervised at home and vulnerable children, the existing model of on-site schooling will remain in place during the period from Tuesday 26th May to Friday 5th June. The current process that we are using to enable parents and carers to indicate the days or part-days for which on-site schooling is required will continue for this period.

All other students in Year 3-6 will continue learning from home until Friday 5th June.

Once a year level has returned, all students will be expected to attend school as normal. This means if you choose to keep your child/children home after their year level has returned to on-site schooling, we can no longer support their learning from home. This is a directive from the Department of Education.

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

If you child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice.

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 our school operations, consistent with health advice. Please see the Return to School Procedures attachment.

We understand that some families may feel anxious about this move back to classroom teaching and learning. I can assure you that this decision has been taken on the basis of the best health advice available to our state. More information about the return to school and coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found on the Department’s website, which will continue to be updated: https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx

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

Warm regards,

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