



July 13, 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

Well, a lot can change in a few days! Here's some additional information to assist with the return of VCE and VCAL students from tomorrow.

Tuesday: Unit 4 students and Yr 12 VCAL classes resume (and any Essential Services students). Year 11s studying a Unit 4 are encouraged to attend on the days they have classes.

Wednesday: Unit 2 and Year 11 VCAL classes resume (and any onsite VET classes at Assumption). Offsite/remote VET students attend TAFE or conduct remote learning from home as per instructions from their host TAFE/School.

Yr 10s studying a Unit 2 subject are encouraged to attend on the days they have classes.

Thursday: Normal timetable for all students studying a VCE or VCAL course.

Key information:

- Buses will run as normal from Tuesday.
- All students will be required to social distance from one another (this is different from the requirements we were operating with before the holidays). Students who do not adhere to this requirement may be asked to undertake their learning from home.
- No practical classes will be held in the first week, so students are expected to be in their full winter uniform. Year 12s are permitted to wear their rugby jumper with their winter uniform. More information about practical classes will be shared during the coming week. When the time comes, students will again be permitted to wear their PE uniform on the days where this is necessary for a practical class.
- The canteen will be open each day, with a modified menu.

Temperature Checks:

- All students will be required to enter through the pedestrian access at Gates 2 & 3 and proceed to the sheltered area beside the Kenneth Wing where their temperature will be checked. Those with a high temperature over 37.5 degrees will be isolated, required to return home and notify of a clear COVID test before returning to the College.

Masks:

The Chief Health Officer does not recommend the use of masks in schools, but if students feel more comfortable wearing one, they are permitted to bring masks from home and do so.

Handball:

Given that this is such a popular pastime at Assumption, we thought it worth saying a few words about safety measures.

- Students are reminded that they need to maintain 1.5m distance at all times.
- Hand sanitiser and sanitising wipes will be provided near main downball courts.
- Students are encouraged to clean the ball frequently.
- Students must hand sanitise before and after playing handball.
- Spectators or those waiting for their turn must be vigilant about maintaining the 1.5m distance.

Student attendance & provision of learning (3-tier approach):

- VCE and VCAL students with chronic illness or advice from a doctor to remain at home will be provided with a modified version of the Assumption@Home program, including where possible, some webex/phone contact with their teachers. These students have already been identified and are being supported by their Learning Mentor and House Leaders.
- Students who have been tested for COVID-19 and are in quarantine while awaiting results OR who have been deemed a 'close-contact' by the Health Department and are required to remain in quarantine will be provided with the same as the above. House Leaders will assist these students should the need arise.
- Where families have made a choice for their child to remain at home, the students will receive a reduced level support than Assumption@Home. This is because the teacher's primary responsibility is to the group of students in their face-to-face class. These students will have the usual access to SIMON/Google Classroom and email contact with teachers. As usual, the Learning Mentor is the 'point of call' for these families. Teachers are under no obligation to provide WEBEX to these students.

Year 10 students studying a Unit 2 subject:

Year 10 students are expected to attend their Unit 2 classes from Wednesday (and only attend the College on the days when they have their Unit 2 class). If they need to remain at school throughout the day, they will be in a supervised study space to complete their other Assumption@Home studies (please remember to bring headphones because you will be in a shared space).

Year 7-10 classes:

We are currently finalising the details of classes next week and I will communicate more about this later in the week. Bearing in mind that Learning Mentor Interviews were to be conducted over the next two Mondays, if it is more convenient for you, many LMs are now available to conduct these throughout this coming week. If you would like to avail yourself of this, please contact your Learning Mentor directly and they will let you know what's possible.

Peace and Blessinas,



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