



17 September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well, and in a position to be able to take a little breather over the coming weeks.

The term has certainly brought its challenges, however as I look back, I feel like those moments have been well overshadowed by the pride and the joy in seeing so many of our students, teachers and families making the best of the situation. The creativity and perseverance that has been fostered will surely add a new colour to our days in the months and years to come. There's lots of important information to share as we close out the term:

MyChoice Week (EXEAT)

The MyChoice week has been a huge success by any standards. Eighty-nine workshops ran across these four days, with over 1600 attendees. Many parents sat in on sessions with the children (and some without!), which was another great endorsement of the concept. We have had so much positive feedback from attendees and presenters, and are simply rapt that the idea was so well accepted by our community. At this stage, we have included an equivalent program in the 2021 calendar (although at a different time of year), and hope it can become a stable part of our collective community lives at Assumption as the years go by. You might like to start planning for a session to run next year!

Return to Onsite Learning

I will send a letter in the days just prior to the beginning of the Term four with detailed information (such as revised safety expectations etc), however for your calendar:

Week 1:

- Year 7 through to VCE Unit 2 (Yr 11): Remote Learning from home.
- VCE Unit 4 students: onsite assessments (timetable emailed from Mr Wilmann)
- FRIDAY: the Friday of this first week will be a Staff Preparation Day to ensure all is in readiness for the return of students the following week. No classes will run.
- The College buses will be running each day for Year 11/12 students to attend their Unit 4 assessments (including the GAT).
- Those students who attended on site in Term 3 are permitted to attend the campus again for this week. Year 7-8 children of any Education Workers who are returning to their workplace may also attend. (Contact angie.dalgleish@assumption.vic.edu.au).

Week 2:

- Monday: Year 7 and VCE Unit 4 students return (including Year 11 students studying a Unit 4 on this day). Year 7s will spend half the day in a re-orientation program with their House Leader before beginning classes. VCE Unit 4 students will have an assembly/social time in Period 1 and then begin classes in Period 2.

- Tuesday: Year 7, VCE Unit 2 and Unit 4 students attend (including MyMAP students studying a VCE Unit 2 subject on this day). Unit 2 students will have an assembly/social time in Period 1 and then begin classes in Period 2
- Wednesday: All year levels on site. VET courses running at their respective sites (or from home if directed to do so by TAFE). Year 8-10 will have an assembly/social time in Period 1 and then begin classes in Period 2
- Thursday & Friday: classes as normal.

Hayfever

As we return to the campus, our COVID-safe procedures will again see those with runny noses etc. sent home for testing and isolation. If your child is prone to hayfever, please ensure that you have had a good chat with your doctor or pharmacist about options that will help manage their condition.

Student Leaders

I presume that most of you caught our announcement last week on social media of the names of 2021 student leaders. I've attached a list for those of you who may have missed out! We were once again, so impressed with the calibre of the students who applied and were successful. One wonderful outcome of the process is that in response to the number of students who raised mental health an area of significant interest for them, we have inaugurated the first 'Wellbeing Captains' who will help lead and ensure our community's health into the future. Congratulations to all those appointed, and those who applied. We look forward to Alannah, Bryce and their team providing exulted leadership for our community in 2021.

Blessings,



Kate Fogarty

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