

Dear families/carers,

Today the Premier of Victoria announced lockdown restrictions will be lifted in regional Victoria from tomorrow night, following advice from Victoria's Chief Health Officer.

**Advice specific to our educational setting:**

As of Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September, Regional schools will reopen for onsite learning for Prep to Grade 2 and Year 12 students and Year 11 students undertaking a unit 3 & 4 subject can attend onsite for this subject only.

All students and staff returning to onsite learning/work this Friday, we must strictly adhere to the following Covid Safe Behaviours:

<b>Reinforce COVIDSafe behaviours*</b>	<b>Create COVIDSafe spaces</b>	<b>Promote COVIDSafe activities</b>	<b>Respond to COVID-19 risk*</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stay home when unwell and get tested*</li><li>• Practise good hygiene*</li><li>• Ensure physical distancing (1.5m)*</li><li>• Wear a face mask*</li><li>• Avoid interactions in enclosed spaces*</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Make hand hygiene easy</li><li>• Keep surfaces clean and implement regular environmental cleaning.</li><li>• Promote outdoor air ventilation and do not have air conditioners on recirculate</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Limit school access to essential visitors only</li><li>• Move activities outdoors where possible, weather permitting</li><li>• Adapt, modify or defer higher-risk activities</li><li>• Reduce mixing between groups</li><li>• Create workforce bubbles*</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Keep records and act quickly if someone becomes unwell*</li><li>• Use personal protective equipment where indicated</li><li>• Clean and disinfect appropriately if a staff member or student has been unwell at school</li><li>• Manage individual risk</li></ul>

Remote learning will remain for all other levels (Years 3-11) for the remainder of term 3. Onsite supervision at the school will remain available for vulnerable children and children of essential workers in all affected year levels (Year 3-11). It is really important to that you communicate to the general office in advance, the days in which your child/children will require onsite supervision.

We know this is really good news for those students eligible to return to onsite learning this Friday. I wish to encourage all of our students in Years 3-11 continuing on with remote and flexible learning, keeping hanging in there! We will remain optimistic about a return to school in term 4. Your resilience and patience is exceptional.

As I keep promoting, it is most important that you look after yourself, your immediate family and friends. I wish to assure you that safety, a continuation of learning and the health and wellbeing of our students will continue to be our priorities moving forward. If you require additional support, please don't hesitate to contact the general office. Can I remind all families that in addition to accessing staff wellbeing support, please utilise the following external services:

- Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800 or [kidshelp.com.au](http://kidshelp.com.au)
- Headspace: 1800 650 890 or [eheadspace.org.au](http://eheadspace.org.au)

Can I again remind you all of the importance of **the daily 9am house/form assembly/wellbeing check-in (for students in year 3-12)**. This is a critical component to enable staff to check in on student safety/health/wellbeing, maintain accurate attendance records and to also create a sense of school and peer connectedness.

Below is an outline of the remote and flexible learning arrangements and expectations:

### **Remote & Flexible Learning arrangements continued for students in Years 3-11:**

<b>Year Level:</b>	<b>Teacher Requirements:</b>	<b>Student Requirements:</b>
<b>Years 3-5:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00am- Daily Homegroup Assembly, Student attendance marked on Sentral System. Teacher to provide a daily work schedule/independent work tasks/expectations</li> <li>• Guided reading groups/conferences set up and conducted via Google Classrooms</li> <li>• Some pre recorded mini lessons provided (via google classroom or email). These may be specific to: Literacy/Numeracy/SOSE/Inquiry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All students must attend Daily Homegroup/wellbeing Assembly- 9:00am</li> <li>• Complete independent work requirements set by their teacher</li> <li>• Engage in any set guided reading groups/conferences</li> </ul>
<b>Years 6/7:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00am- Daily Homegroup Assembly, Student attendance marked on Sentral System. Work overview provided.</li> <li>• Classroom Teachers to provide a daily work schedule/independent work tasks/expectations (via google classroom or email)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All students must attend Daily Homegroup/wellbeing Assembly-- 9:00am</li> <li>• Complete independent work requirements set by their teachers (via Google Suite)</li> <li>• Seek support from their Homegroup Teacher if required (via google classroom or email)</li> </ul>
<b>Year 8-10:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9:00am- Daily Homegroup Assembly, Student attendance marked on Sentral System.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All students must attend Daily Homegroup/wellbeing Assembly-- 9:00am</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subject Teachers to provide a weekly work schedule/independent work tasks/expectations (via Google Suite). Any Google meetings/classrooms will occur during the scheduled timetable classes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete independent work requirements set by their teachers (via Google Suite)</li> <li>Seek support from their Homegroup Teacher /House Mentor if required (via google classroom or email)</li> </ul>
<b>Year 11:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00am- Daily Homegroup Assembly, Student attendance marked on Sentral System.</li> <li>All VCE classes to follow School Timetable. Subject Teachers to provide a work schedule/independent work tasks/expectations (via Google Suite)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All students must attend Daily Homegroup Assembly/wellbeing-- 9:00am</li> <li>Complete independent work requirements set by their teachers (via Google Suite)</li> <li>Seek support from their Homegroup Teacher/Senior School Co-ordinator if required (via google classroom or email)</li> </ul>
<b>TLI- (Tutor Learning Initiative) &amp; MYLNS (Middle Years Literacy Numeracy Support) &amp; Quicksmart</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During extended lockdowns, students involved in the TLI &amp; MYLNS &amp; Quicksmart programs will be invited to an online tutoring session. The tutor teacher will make contact with individual students.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students are required to connect to their weekly scheduled tutoring sessions via the Google Suite</li> </ul>

To support our school communication, we have also posted the following documents (obtained from the Premiers office) on our school website:

- Copy of the Premier's Media release- Lockdown for Regional Victoria
- Copy of the table of restrictions

As we receive further information and updates including the DET School Operations Guide, we will publish this information on our School Webpage, Facebook Page and through the Sentral App-Newsfeed.

We appreciate your ongoing support and we will continue do to adjust and meet challenges. In the meantime, please take care and stay safe.

Kind regards,

Sean Fitzpatrick

Principal