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Dear parents, carers, students and staff

Yesterday the Victorian Government announced that, on the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer, regional and rural Victoria will move to Stage 3 restrictions and metropolitan Melbourne will move to Stage 4 restrictions to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

These requirements apply to all schools across the government, Catholic and independent sectors and across all metropolitan Melbourne and rural and regional Victoria.

The changes to schools' operations will come into effect from Wednesday 5 August, following a student free day on Tuesday 4 August, and are likely to apply until the end of Term 3.

As outlined in the Chief Health Officer's advice on Friday, schools remain safe places for staff and students – but these steps are critical measures to reduce the movement of students and families across the state.

There are implications for our school, and for families in our school community.

A summary of what the changes mean for schools is below.

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PREP TO YEAR 10

- Prep to Year 10 students will continue with remote and flexible learning.
- The criteria for students that can attend on-site has changed as follows:
 - children whose parents are permitted workers. The Victorian Government will provide further advice about this over the coming days
 - vulnerable children in out of home care, children known to child protection and other agencies and children the school identifies as vulnerable
 - children with a disability who also fit one of the above two categories.

SENIOR SECONDARY YEAR 11 AND 12 (VCE AND VCAL)

- All Year 11 and 12 provision for both VCE and VCAL will move to remote and flexible learning.
- The GAT will be rescheduled from Wednesday 9 September to Wednesday 7 October.
- The schedule for the VCE examinations and release of results will remain as previously advised.
- Further information about consideration of disadvantage and coronavirus (COVID-19) will be provided shortly.

TIMELINE

- Monday 3 August will be a 'normal' day of school under current arrangements, with students attending on site learning asked to take all their necessary learning materials home.
- Tuesday 4 August will be a student-free day across Victoria to enable teachers, especially in rural and regional Victoria, to prepare for flexible and remote learning. School buses will not run on Tuesday.
- Wednesday 5 August will be the first day of new arrangements for schools across Victoria
- This is a day ahead of the statewide introduction of the Stage 3 restrictions in rural and regional Victoria, but will provide for a smooth transition and will enable as much continuity of learning as possible.

STAFFING

- Schools will ensure sufficient staff are available for necessary on site supervision.
- Staff not required for on-site supervision will work from home.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR STUDENTS WHO WILL BE ON SITE

Once we receive more information from the department we will be able to let you know if your child will be eligible to attend school. At the moment it has not been clarified as to who are 'permitted workers'.

School buses will run as normal.

The canteen will be closed for the next six weeks. Students will have to bring their own food and bottled water. Students will not be allowed to go down the street.

Students who attend school will still have to have their temperature checked each day, use hand sanitizer and follow all other hygiene practices.

Students will be located in the Year 8 Centre and temperature testing will be conducted there each morning.

Students will be required to follow all normal school rules including wearing full school uniform and following the mobile phone policy.

As all teaching will be set up for remote learning, students on site will be supervised to do remote learning on site. They will not be doing a different face to face program and we will provide supervision but not teaching. Support for school work will come via their regular teachers online, mainly through MS Teams.

We will continue to use House Group time as we have been doing it so far this term – contact will be made with students at least once a week to see how they are travelling.

If students require support from the Student Wellbeing department, this will still be available through MS Teams. If there is an urgent situation, you are welcome to contact the staff at school by phone to discuss an issue and to see if a meeting is required.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2021 COURSE COUNSELLING

The arrangements for students in Years 8, 9 and 10 will remain the same as previously advertised in past newsletters. Arrangements for Year 11 have changed as the day originally chosen for their interviews is now a pupil free day.

All Year 11 students will now be contacted via MS Teams on Friday August 7th. The new date for payments for subjects to be made, where required, is by Wednesday August 12th.

NEW INFORMATION FOR KWRSC YEAR 11 AND 12 STUDENTS (and Year 10 students doing a VCE subject)

This time Unit 2 VCE students will be doing SACs as well as Year 12 students. In term 2 parents of Year 12 students had to consent via COMPASS to the conditions for completing a SAC at home. This consent stands for term 3 as well unless you notify the school otherwise.

Parents of Year 11 students (and Year 10 students doing a VCE subject) now need to go on COMPASS and complete the consent form for SACS. Below is what is stated.

Student and parent declaration

A Compass event titled 'VCE assessments under remote conditions - student and parent declaration' has been set-up in Compass. After reading this document please consent to 'attending' to indicate that you have read and understood the student guidelines and agree that:

- I have adhered to all VCAA and school rules relating to the completion and submission of all forms of assessment including SACs/SATs, if relevant during remote learning.
- I declare that all work submitted via the internet is my own and that I have received no undue assistance from any other person, text message, social media or the internet or accessed unauthorised material in the preparation and submission of the work unless stated in the instructions.

*Any breach of the VCAA rules for assessment will put you at risk of an 'N' or no score for the task undertaken. **The results achieved on assessment tasks may be validated when school returns, this could impact the score derived for the outcome the task assesses.** Completing assessments online remotely for consideration of a grade requires significant trust and student responsibility.*

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

The General Office will be working with limited staff and on limited hours: 9am to 3pm.

We would prefer that parents make contact by email but if there is an emergency and you need to ring, we understand.

Please do not visit the school in person unless there is a prearranged appointment or there is an emergency.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Felix Patton,

Principal