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Dates to Remember

Friday 29th October

Curriculum Day – no classes

Tuesday 2nd November

Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday

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Dear Parent/Guardian

We're almost there

Staff at the college are looking forward to the return of students to on-site learning later this week. The information contained in this article is designed to explain what families should do to ensure the smooth return of students to the college and the days on which they can attend.

1. **Reset up the regular routine.**

Students should start getting up at the time they would normally get up if they have to arrive at school by 8.40am. This means getting out of bed, having breakfast, getting organised and getting dressed and ready to leave to catch buses, walk or leave at the time to be at school ready for period 1.

2. **Check their school uniform**

Is it clean, does it still fit or have you grown out of it?

3. **Make sure they have a mask**

Students will be required to wear masks both indoors and outdoors unless the current restrictions are changed. Make sure your child packs a spare mask in their bag in case one breaks. Masks are still mandatory inside and outside for students and staff.

4. **Ventilation**

To increase airflow windows and doors will remain open so students should consider which uniform items they wear to ensure they stay warm.

COVID-19 Risk Management

It is essential that with students returning to face to face learning that should your child show any symptoms or feel unwell that you **DO NOT** send them to the college.

Students at the college will be assigned year level bubbles during breaks and are required at this stage to wear masks both indoors and outdoors unless they have a medical exemption. Those with exemptions need to remember that they should be socially distancing.

All students in Years 7, 10 and 11 are currently expected on site on Friday 22nd October.

NO students will be at the college on **Friday 29th October** as this is our last scheduled curriculum day other than the Year 12 VCE students undertaking their external examinations.

Staggered Return

Please find below the dates when students are expected to be on site for the staggered return between 22nd October and 4th November. All students are currently expected on site from Friday 5th November. However, if we reach targets ahead of schedule this may change and any changes will be uploaded to Compass.

Year 12 VCAL

Will be on site on Monday 25th October, Tuesday 26th October and Monday 1st November.

Year 11 VCAL

Will be undertaking practical assessments with Magenta Training on site on Monday 25th October and then will be on site on Tuesday 26th October and Monday 1st November.

Year 11VCE

Will be on site every day from Friday 22nd October apart from our curriculum day.

Year 10 Fast Track students

Students fast tracking a VCE study are **ONLY** able to attend their VCE class on the days when Year 10 are scheduled to be at the college. On other days they should log in through Teams.

Year 10

Will commence face to face learning on Friday 22nd October and then will be expected to attend on Thursday 28th October and Thursday 4th November due to the curriculum day.

Years 8 and 9

Will be expected to be on site on Tuesday 26th October, Wednesday 27th October and Wednesday 3rd November as Tuesday is Melbourne Cup Day.

Year 7

Will be on site every day from Friday 22nd October apart from our curriculum day.

A visual representation for the three weeks commencing Monday 18th October is included below:

	Monday 18 October	Tuesday 19 October	Wednesday 20 October	Thursday 21 October	Friday 22 October
Year 7					✓
Year 8 & 9					
Year 10					✓
Year 11 VCAL					
Year 11 VCE					✓
Year 12 VCAL	✓	✓	Year 12 Celebration Day		
Year 12 VCE	✓	✓			

	Monday 25 October	Tuesday 26 October	Wednesday 27 October	Thursday 28 October	Friday 29 October
Year 7	✓	✓	✓	✓	Curriculum Day (No classes)
Year 8 & 9		✓	✓		
Year 10				✓	
Year 11 VCAL	✓	✓			
Year 11 VCE	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Year 12 VCAL	✓	✓			
Year 12 VCE			Exams	Exams	

	Monday 01 November	Tuesday 02 November	Wednesday 03 November	Thursday 04 November	Friday 05 November	
Year 7	✓	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	✓	✓	All students return to face-to-face learning Note: This date may change, depending on health advice	
Year 8 & 9			✓			
Year 10				✓		
Year 11 VCAL	✓					
Year 11 VCE	✓			✓		✓
Year 12 VCAL	✓					
Year 12 VCE	Exams			Exams		Exams

Senior School – End of Year Arrangements

Year 12 VCE students had their last official classes on Tuesday 19th October before undertaking their final examinations. **Year 12 VCAL** students conclude their classes on Tuesday 15th November.

All Year 12 students will have their celebration day tomorrow with a formal meeting which will be live streamed that evening.

1. Examinations

Given the amount of time students have spent in remote learning over the last two years the college has decided not to run a full exam timetable later this term. The following arrangements will apply

Year 10 – students will only sit an English and Mathematics examination so that teachers can see what gaps need to be addressed next year. These exams will take place on Friday 18th November.

2. **Year 11** – students at Year 11 will sit formal examinations in English and Maths on Thursday 17th November. However the English exam will be shorter than in previous years. From Monday 8th November Year 11 teachers will be completing the final SACs and providing redemption tasks to complete outcomes for Unit 2 studies. Over this time teachers may also get students to undertake extended assessment tasks to determine areas that need more attention in both the Flying Start program and to ensure students are fully prepared for Year 12 courses.

3. **Flying Start**

Commencing on **Monday 22nd November** all students will commence a Flying Start program to prepare them for their studies in 2022 and to give them a solid start to their VCE studies. The five day program for students who will be in Year 11 and Year 12 in 2022 is a compulsory program and students who are returning to the college in 2022 must attend.

Cup Eve – Monday November 1

Whilst the college would normally run an alternative program on this day the arrangements for this year are different. Please note that normal classes will run for Year 11 and Year 12 VCAL classes as well as for Year 11 VCE. Year 7 classes will also run as normal. All students in these levels are expected to be on site and in their classes where course requirements will be taught. Students in Year 8, 9 and 10 according to the staggered return will be involved in remote and flexible learning classes. Teachers will be leaving work on Compass for students to complete but as some families have indicated that they will be meeting up with families outdoors with the easing of restrictions announced on Sunday there will be no video lessons or Teams chat and rolls will be marked according to students who have accessed the Compass lesson. This flexibility will allow families of students in years 8, 9 and 10 to complete the work at any time over the weekend and the Monday.

Margaret Uren
Principal

Music News

We are so excited to be able to have students back playing music at school soon. If you haven't touched your instrument for this whole lockdown, don't be disheartened. Just dust it off and have a play! We will all be together soon and then the fun will begin!

In the meantime, the instrumental music teachers have put together a little list of YouTube clips that you may want to have a listen to. Just some things that we thought were amusing, inspiring or just plain good to listen to!

In my house we have "Song night" every now and then. It's like a movie night, but with songs on YouTube. Each person picks one song in turns and we all listen to it together. It makes for interesting viewing sometimes as a 5 year old has very different tastes to a 40 year old. Still, it makes us learn a little about different styles and works on the skills of patience and tolerance. Sometimes Song Night turns into Dance Night. Maybe you could add some of the following into your own Song nights.

Most of all, take care and be nice to your families. 😊

<https://youtu.be/KX0GplEpxMw> - paid out during a gig. #embarrassing

https://youtu.be/HVGZxX7HC_I - if you can't do this, you're not practising enough!

<https://youtu.be/jvipPYFebWc> - This is a great rocked up version of some violin playing!

Wild Blue - John Mayer: <https://youtu.be/EUwynJ-WHGo>

Cory Wong and Dirty Loops – Thriller <https://youtu.be/m34byl2BT1o>

Tedeski Trucks Band - Everybody's Talkin <https://youtu.be/kiWbBC0SouU>

<https://youtu.be/engSQve1CKU> Aled Jones sings with his younger self – Walking in the Air

https://youtu.be/OPhkZW_jwc0 the Elgar Cello Concerto.

<https://youtu.be/UYcbG5vvOJg> Love a good Broadway song...especially with this lovely message! 😊

<https://youtu.be/G8NjSBi00Is> this is beautiful and bare, sublime

<https://youtu.be/KwbeHSI-3Co> Ghost by the Indigo Girls

Bobby McFerrin Plays the Audience <https://youtu.be/MMjTISJLNqW>

Bobby McFerrin demonstrates the power of the pentatonic scale <https://youtu.be/ne6tB2KiZuk>

<https://youtu.be/gvAUutnhHbM> Wicked drummer

<https://youtu.be/nuEMqMc1Fh4> Some clarinet love

<https://youtu.be/xTfRjihu2rY> This is some Funky music!