



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Transitioning back to face-to-face learning, updating parents and carers
25th May 2020

We can't wait to see our students again! We're looking forward to seeing our VCE & VCAL students tomorrow Tuesday 26th May!

Key Dates

- 25th May** Student Free Day
26 May Year 11, 12, & VCAL (including Yr 10 VCAL and Fast Trackers) return to school.
9th June Students from all year levels return to school.

Once a year level has returned, all students will be expected to attend school as normal. This means if you choose to keep your child/children home after their year level has returned to on-site schooling, we can no longer support their learning from home.

This same approach is being taken by all government schools in Victoria.

Staffing & Timetable Changes

To return to our routine, **our timetable will revert to our full timetable on 26th May, when our VCE & VCAL students return.**

We have farewelled staff and are welcoming new staff, we will open the 7&8 Learning Resource Centre on 9th June, and have made changes to layout of the school to minimise the movement and interaction of students as much as possible. This has all resulted in a complete timetable change for everyone. Students who have a new teacher will be emailed separately.

Compass will be updated MONDAY 25th to accommodate these changes. A reminder of our full timetable times (below)

Illuminate	9.00
Period 1	9.24
Period 2	10.10
Recess	10.56
Period 3	11.21
Period 4	12.07
Lunch	12.53
Period 5	1.38
Period 6	2.24
End of Day	3.10

Arrangements for junior students (7-10) on site from 26th May – 4th June

Students approved to attend on site will be placed in a classroom completing their remote learning tasks, with a teacher who is supervising whilst teacher their own class remotely.

Please contact the office if you believe your child meets the criteria for on-site attendance.

Designated classes & recess/lunch areas for students

To minimise movement of students & sharing of spaces, we have designated classrooms and active and passive areas for year levels during break times. **Our canteen will not be operational and it is recommended that students do not use the taps to drink from.**

<u>Year level</u>	<u>Rooms</u>
Year 12s	VCE Rooms & C9&10
Year 11's	W-Wing
Year 9&10s	C2-5 & C11
Year 7&8's	7&8LRC

**specialist rooms (Art/Foods/Wood/music Science), will continue to be used by all students.*

Active and passive areas for break times

Year 7&8's	Undercover area outside foods room & courts adjacent to basketball courts & oval (cricket nets area)
Year 9&10s	undercover area outside canteen, basketball courts & oval (next to O2)
Year 11&12's	Around year 10 - 11 locker bay & behind the non-fiction library (previously out of bounds area)

Cleaning

We will increase the frequency of regular cleaning (beyond what we normally do), including sanitising high-touch areas and shared areas throughout the day.

Hygiene

- All staff and students will undertake regular hand hygiene, particularly on arrival to school, before and after eating, after blowing their nose, coughing, sneezing or using the toilet. This will be directed or supervised by staff where required.
- We will be practising hand hygiene immediately before and after use of shared equipment
- Where soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitiser will be made available.
- Students must bring their own water bottles to school for use (and refilling). It is recommended that students do not drink directly from drinking fountains at this time.
- Staff and students are reminded to clean their mobile phones regularly. The Cobram Secondary College Mobile Phone Policy remains in place so students will not be handling their mobile phones during the school day.
- Sharing of food is not permitted.
- School Canteen is closed

Buses

All buses will have allocated seating for students. Where possible siblings will be seated together.

Students will be informed that they are not to change seats. Drivers will take zero tolerance with students that disobey this instruction.

No food is allowed to be eaten on the bus.

Drivers will disinfect students' hands when they board and depart the bus.

The buses will be disinfected at the end of each school run.

Computers

Please continue to bring your computer to school with you. Additional devices will NOT be on short term loans as all students now have a device.

For students who have a school-owned device, please bring this to school with you.

Year 12 Exams – Dates announced

Premier Andrews announced a revised timeline for VCE Exams, which will now start on the 9th November, concluding on the 2nd December. The GAT is 9th September.

Visitors to the school

*“As the main risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the school environment is between adults, it is important that **visitors to school grounds are limited to those delivering or supporting essential school services and operations.**”*

Chief Health Officer Adj Clin Prof Brett Sutton

The office will open via appointment only. Parent queries are to be made via phone or email, rather than in person at the school. This will apply until further notice.

If your child is sick or displays symptoms during the day

“Perhaps the most important action school communities can take to reduce the risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19), is to ensure that any unwell staff, children and young people remain at home”

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If your child is displaying any of the following symptoms or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice. If students display these symptoms throughout the day, you will be contacted & asked to collect your child.

- Fever
- Chills or sweats
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Runny nose
- Loss of sense of smell
- Stuffy nose
- Headache
- Nausea
- Diarrhoea

Reporting

Our reports will look a little different this semester.

Reports will include a description of work in each subject and brief feedback.

We would like to acknowledge the work of students and parents & carers in the remote learning phase, and as a school we are exploring how to capture parent and student feedback to include in their report. We will have more information on this later.

Our year 11&12 Reports will remain the same – using the S or N (Satisfactory or Not Satisfactory) or NA (outcome not yet completed)

Please be assured that we know this has been a challenging time for all students, and we accept that engagement and achievement levels in student learning may vary from student to student.