



# Mary MacKillop College South Gippsland

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## **Phased Return to Classroom Learning**

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

As previously advised, the Victorian State Government has announced that Victorian school students will begin a phased return to classrooms.

Monday, 25 May 2020, will be a pupil free day to support all school staff to prepare and complete the necessary planning for a successful transition back to school. Remote Schooling will not take place on this day and all students will remain at home.

From Tuesday, 26 May 2020, all VCE and VCAL Year 11 and 12 students and Year 10 students undertaking studies for VCE classes, where practicable, will return to classroom learning.

Students in Years 7 to 10 will continue Remote Schooling at home until Tuesday, 9 June 2020, except for:

- children of parents who cannot work from home;
- children who are not able to be supervised at home and no other arrangements can be made; and
- vulnerable children.

If you intend for your child in Years 7 to 10 to attend on site schooling from 26 May 2020 due to one of the reasons listed above, we ask that you continue to complete the on-site schooling Intentions Form.

On Tuesday, 9 June 2020, all students will return to classroom learning and will be expected to attend Mary MacKillop College as normal.

Where parents, guardians or carers choose to keep children home instead of returning them to classroom learning, Mary MacKillop College will no longer be required to provide a Remote Schooling Program. However, Mary MacKillop College will endeavour to provide extended absence work program and your child marked as absent from school.

We ask all parents, guardians and carers to keep their child at home if your child is unwell. Upon arrival to school or during the school day, if your child becomes or is unwell, you will be contacted and required to come and collect your child.

If your child is experiencing signs or symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough or sore throat), it is recommended that appropriate medical advice is sought. Your child should not be sent to school.

We would also like to inform parents that the school will not be conducting temperature checks of students, staff or visitors to the school. Instead, the school will be implementing known controls, such as good hygiene measures.

While medical advice states that physical distancing is not required for students during classroom activities, Mary MacKillop College will be implementing control measures including:

- extending school cleaning programs during the school day
- limiting the number of visitors attending the school, including parents.

We will be operating two main entrances to the College as per normal.

- Bus Arrivals/Departures: Main College Entrance
- Parent Drop Off/Pick Ups: Top Car Park

As per the Government recommendations parent/carers will not be allowed to enter the premises, a drop and go approach will be required. Where possible, student pick-ups by parents will be facilitated via surname and occur as follows:

- A – K 3:10pm -3:25pm
- L – Z 3:25pm -3:40pm

If parents, guardians or carers wish to meet with a member of staff, please contact the school on 03 5662 4255 to make an appointment, or email the staff member directly.

I wish to reassure you that the safety and wellbeing of our school community will remain our highest priority with these and other provisions being made for the safety of students and staff.

I appreciate that the transition to classroom learning will be a challenging time for all and I thank all our parents, guardians, cares and the wider school community for their hard work and support.

Further information is currently being prepared to facilitate the return to classroom learning and will be provided to you as soon as possible.

If you require assistance or additional support, please contact me on 03 5662 4255 or email [kodwyer@mmcrc.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kodwyer@mmcrc.catholic.edu.au).

Yours sincerely,



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