



15th May 2020

Dear Junior School and Early Learning Centre Parents,

As outlined in Dr. Andrew Hirst's letter and this week's College Newsletter, Prep to Year Six students will commence a staggered return to the Junior School. On **Tuesday, 26th May**, Prep, Year One and Year Two students will return to classes. On **Tuesday, 9th June**, Years Three, Four, Five and Six students will join them and return to Myrniong. We are very much looking forward to the return of our students. Our Early Learning Centre Piccolo and Piccino programs will continue to run.

We have put protocols in place to facilitate a safe return for students and staff. All are in line with the Victorian Chief Medical Officer's advice, State Government recommendations and AHPPC - (Australian Health Protection Principal Committee) guidelines.

Junior School Return to Classes Advice

Dates:

*Return dates are **Tuesday 26th May** (Prep, Year One and Year Two) and **Tuesday 9th June** (Years Three, Four, Five and Six).

***25th May** will be a day of remote classes for all College students. Students in Years Three, Four, Five and Six will continue their Remote Learning programs through to **Friday, June 5th**. Please note that **Monday, 8th June** is the Queen's Birthday public holiday.

College buses will resume on **Tuesday 26th May**. Local buses remain running.

Parental Declaration and Drop Off/Pick-Up Arrangements:

*Parents will be required to complete a CareMonkey declaration before their children may be permitted to return to school.

*Parents will not be permitted to enter Junior School facilities for the remainder of this term. At morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up, parents must remain in vehicles. Additional Junior School staff will be allocated to morning duties to welcome students, and to assist with the smooth running of driveway pick-ups at 3.15 pm. Parents are requested to use email for important communications to classroom/specialist teachers and administration staff.

*Our Early Learning Centre requires parents to sign the children in and out each day. This will occur on the back veranda area of the Early Learning Centre site. Access must be through the gate on the southern side of the Centre. Parents are not permitted inside the indoor learning space.

*Before and After School Care will be available for the duration of Term Two. This must be booked in advance. Capped numbers will apply. The Junior School Library/Year Five classrooms will be the location for Junior School students requiring Before and After School Care. Early Learning Centre students will continue to be cared for in the Early Learning Centre.

Uniform:

Students should wear full winter uniform. Should a student not have a winter uniform that fits, and an appointment not be possible with the College Uniform Shop, full sports uniform may be worn until the winter uniform is acquired. Junior School students may wear their P.E uniform on days they have lessons with Mrs. Patterson, and House uniforms on Fridays. House sports will not run as per Term One and will be replaced with a class-based physical activity session.

Timetable:

From **Tuesday, 26th May**, the Junior School Term Two timetable will commence. Specialist classes will take place on the same day as per the Term One timetable. From **Tuesday, June 9th**, Year Six transition subjects - Music, Science and Food Technology will be a Myrniong.

Safety Measures:

***Students who are not well must stay at home** and only return after medical advice has been provided to the school that they are safe to return. Monitoring of student health will be completed daily: **unwell children will be isolated in our sick bay and parents notified to come and collect them.**

*Social distancing guidelines will be provided and enforced.

*Sanitisers and antiseptic wipes will be placed in classrooms, toilets and close to water taps. Bubble taps will not be in use. Students are encouraged to bring a full water bottle to school each day.

* Where possible, classroom furniture will be arranged to leave as much space as possible between Junior School students.

*Specialist classes will be adapted to minimise communal use of resources.

*High-touch equipment, including our fixed equipment play space will not be accessible to students.

*No Junior School activities will take place off site.

*Locker rooms and bag areas will not be used by all students; alternative arrangements will be advised by classroom teachers.

*To maintain social distancing at recess and lunch, Year levels will be allocated areas of the school ground. In the fullness of the week these will be rotated.

*Weather permitting, external doors to the homestead will be left ajar to minimise hand contact in high traffic areas.

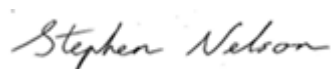
*Lunch orders will not be available to Junior School students.

*No organised sports trainings will occur in Term Two.

*Weekly Junior School Assemblies will remain online - Wednesdays at 1.30 pm.

We look forward to the return of students to the Junior School and thank parents for their generous support of Remote Learning programs.

Kind regards



Stephen Nelson

Head of Junior School