



THE HAMILTON AND ALEXANDRA COLLEGE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

14 May 2020

Dear Parents and/or Guardians

Good news, I write to confirm **our return dates** based on the Victorian Premier's announcement on Tuesday.

After careful consideration of what is deemed in the best interest of our students, as well as the health and safety of our children, staff, parents and wider community, College can confirm the following return dates:

Sunday 24 May	Year 11 and 12 boarders will return
Monday 25 May	ELC is open. Prep to Year 12 will continue our Remote Learning Program
Tuesday 26 May	ELC is open. Prep, Year 1 and 2, Year 11 and 12 students return to school. Years 3-10 will continue our Remote Learning Program. Siblings of students in Prep to Year 2 and Years 11 and 12 are welcome to return to school. These students (in Years 3 - 10) will be supervised, not taught, and continue to learn remotely on site.
Monday 8 June	(Queen's Birthday) Years 7 - 10 boarders return
Tuesday 9 June	Years 3 - 10 return to school
Friday 19 June	Last day of Term Two, normal dismissal times

This decision follows the Victorian Chief Medical Officer's advice and meets State Government recommendations that provide a staggered approach to monitor and evaluate the effects that the return to school might have on the increased movement of people and transmission within the community. Such an approach also enables us time to settle senior and early primary students while identifying the potential challenges of meeting new cleaning and social distancing regulations.

Please note, we will monitor our Junior School attendance when Myrniong returns on Tuesday 26 May and reassess the needs of our Years 3-6 students if deemed necessary.

More information about the return to school will be emailed to parents and posted on the website when planning is finalised. Should you have any further queries and/or concerns, please make contact with Associate Principal, Operations Mr Neil MacLean maclean@hamiltoncollege.vic.edu.au or Head of the Junior School, Mr Stephen Nelson nelson@hamiltoncollege.vic.edu.au

I acknowledge and thank all parents for the incredible partnership we have all enjoyed through this unprecedented situation. We are genuinely excited about welcoming students back to the classroom and being a whole school again within the month.

Yours sincerely

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