



CATHOLIC COLLEGE SALE

9 September 2020

Phased Return to Classroom Learning

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers

The Victorian State Government has announced that Victorian school students will begin a phased return to classroom learning in Term 4, 2020.

This means that all students at Catholic College Sale will continue with the Remote Schooling arrangements (with current exemptions for on-site remote schooling continuing) for the remainder of Term 3, 2020.

Term 4 Arrangements

Decisions relating to the return of face to face classroom learning will be based on the advice of Victoria's Chief Health Officer and may be subject to change as set out in the Steps for schools in [Victoria's roadmap for reopening – How we work in regional Victoria](#).

5th to 9th October 2020 (Week One)

It is anticipated that Remote Schooling will continue (with current exemptions for on-site remote schooling continuing) for the first week of Term 4, 2020 (Monday 5th October to Friday 9th October 2020). This will give the Victorian Government and the Chief Health Officer time to monitor and review the daily average number of Coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in regional Victoria.

However, from 5th October to 9th October 2020, VCE and VCAL students will be permitted to attend the school for essential assessments that cannot be completed from their home. This includes the General Achievement Test (GAT) on Wednesday 7th October 2020.

From 12th October 2020

Subject to public health advice, from Monday 12th October 2020, all students at Catholic College Sale will return to face to face classroom learning and will be expected to attend school as normal.

Health and Safety

The School will continue to ensure that the health and safety of students, staff and the wider school community remains the highest priority with physical distancing measures and hand and respiratory hygiene practises remaining in place for all staff and students. The School will also ensure that increased cleaning remains in place.

In addition, all students will continue to receive a temperature check every morning before attending school, with a non-contact infrared forehead thermometer and be expected to wear a face covering when at school, unless an exemption applies.

Parents, guardians and carers are required to supply their child(ren) with an appropriate face covering that covers the nose and mouth. Appropriate face coverings include single use face masks (commonly called surgical masks), cloth face coverings made from three layers of a mix of breathable fabrics or face shields designed to cover the sides of the face and below the chin.

Parents, guardians and carers are encouraged to inform their child(ren) that school staff will be using face coverings and reinforce with their child(ren) the need to keep 1.5 metres apart from other people, to wash and dry hands thoroughly and regularly and cough and sneeze into a tissue or their elbow.

Students who are unwell must not attend school until their symptoms resolve and appropriate medical advice is obtained. This includes those showing even mild symptoms of COVID-19.

The symptoms to watch out for are:

- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss of sense of smell.

In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered.

The School will continue to implement the current drop off and pick up arrangements to limit the number of students and families congregating on or near school grounds at the beginning and conclusion of the school day.

Our highest priority has been and continues to be the health and well-being of students, staff and families. This could not have been achieved without your on-going dedication, support and understanding as we all navigate our way through Remote Schooling and a return to classroom learning. On behalf of the entire staff of Catholic College Sale I offer you our sincere thanks.

If you require clarification in relation to the phased return to classroom learning or additional support please contact Catholic College Sale on 51439700.

Yours sincerely

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