



Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2021

Dear Parents,

## RE: ARRANGEMENTS FOR RETURN TO SCHOOL IN TERM 4

The Victorian Government has announced the arrangements for the return to school in Term 4 for regional schools. Grade P/1/2 students will commence on-site learning on a full-time basis from the first day of Term 4 (Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October), whilst the return to school for our Grade 3/4/5/6 students will be staggered. The plan is that Grade 3/4/5/6 students will return to full-time on-site learning from Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October. Please see the table below which outlines the arrangements for the first four weeks of Term 4.

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 4 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER					
Week 1	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Thur 7 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>
Grade P/1/2	On-Site				
Grade 3/4	Remote Learning				
Grade 5/6	Remote Learning				

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 11 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER					
Week 2	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Thur 14 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>
Grade P/1/2	On-Site				
Grade 3/4	Remote Learning	On-Site		Remote Learning	
Grade 5/6	Remote Learning			On-Site	

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 18 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER					
Week 3	Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	Thur 21 <sup>st</sup>	Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Grade P/1/2	On-Site				
Grade 3/4	Remote Learning	On-Site		Remote Learning	
Grade 5/6	Remote Learning			On-Site	

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 25 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER					
Week 4	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Thur 28 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>
Grade P/1/2	On-Site		Bendigo Cup Public Holiday	On-Site	
Grade 3/4	Remote Learning	On-Site		On-Site	
Grade 5/6	Remote Learning	On-Site		On-Site	

### **On-Site Supervision**

As was the case at the end of Term 3, our school will continue to provide on-site supervision for Grade 3/4/5/6 students on days allocated as remote learning. Please note that on-site supervision will only be available for those students who were previously eligible under the 'children of authorised workers' category; or for children experiencing vulnerability, including:

- In out-of-home care.
- Deemed vulnerable by a government agency, funded family or family violence service, and assessed as requiring education and care outside the family home.
- Identified by a school or early childhood service as vulnerable, (including via referral from a government agency, or funded family or family violence service, homeless or youth justice service or mental health or other health service).
- Where a parent/carer indicates that a student with a disability is vulnerable because they cannot learn from home, and/or informs the school the student is vulnerable due to family stress. This may apply to students enrolled in specialist schools and students with a disability enrolled in mainstream schools.

### **Remote Learning Program**

For the first week of Term 4, the remote learning program for our Grade 3/4/5/6 students will be the same as it was at the end of Term 3. For weeks 2, 3 & 4 we also anticipate the remote learning program being similar to the past. However, we may need to make some tweaks due to timetabling factors and the part-time nature of remote learning in these weeks. We will update parents and students to any changes.

### **Access to the School**

At this time, access to the school is limited to essential visitors only. As such, I ask that parents do not enter the school buildings unless absolutely necessary. I also remind parents of the need to avoid congregating during drop-off and pick-up, to wear a face mask both indoors and outdoors at the school; and to maintain physical distancing.

### **Book Week Dress Up Day**

We had hoped to hold our Book Week Dress Up Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October. As the Grade 3/4/5/6s will be remote learning at this time, we will postpone the day until a MARC Library Friday later in the Term when all students are back on-site.

I will continue to keep our community informed as information comes to hand. I again thank our school community for your support and encourage you to contact me at school should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,



Jason Cox  
Principal