

August 3, 2020

Dear parents, carers, students and staff

Earlier yesterday, the Victorian Government announced that, on the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer, regional and rural Victoria will move to Stage 3 restrictions and metropolitan Melbourne will move to Stage 4 restrictions to slow the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19).

These requirements apply to all schools across the Government, Catholic and Independent sectors and across all metropolitan Melbourne and rural and regional Victoria.

The changes to schools' operations will come into effect from Wednesday 5 August, following a student free day on Tuesday 4 August, and are likely to apply until the end of Term 3. Students who can learn from home, must learn from home.

Below is a summary of what the changes mean for Swan Hill College:

- All students will move to remote and flexible learning.
- On-site supervision in rural and regional Victoria will be available. There will be a very restricted number of staff to supervise students onsite and therefore a limited number of places for:
 - Vulnerable children.
 - Children with a disability.
 - Children of essential workers where the child is not able to remain home safely.
- For students completing a VCE unit 3/4 subject, the GAT will be rescheduled from Wednesday 9 September to Wednesday 7 October.
- The schedule for the VCE examinations and release of results will remain as previously advised.
- Further information about consideration of disadvantage and coronavirus (COVID-19) will be provided shortly.
- There will only be a very small number of staff onsite each day.
- All essential workers need to contact the school regarding your child coming to school 24 hours prior so that arrangements can be made around supervision.
- Onsite learning will be independent. A relief teacher will supervise the room for Health and Safety reasons. Teachers will not be available for one to one help in this room.

- Students attending onsite must:
 - Come with food for recess and lunch, and with a charged laptop.
 - Wear facemasks at all times.
 - Have their temperature checked upon arrival each day.
 - Seek help from their subject teacher online.
 - Remain in the assigned yard area.
 - Follow the school expectations.

If students cannot comply with the above requirements, parents/carers will be contacted to collect their child.

- Students who do not have internet and require hard or digital copies of work are to contact Sarah Sutton (Junior School) ssu@shc.vic.edu.au, or Kylie Gardner (Senior School) kga@shc.vic.edu.au to make arrangements to receive this work.
- The library will be open between 2:30-4pm on Monday and Friday for borrowing purposes only. Students wanting to borrow resources will need to contact Kelly McMillian, kmc@shc.vic.edu.au, to book in a time. This will ensure that social distancing restrictions are adhered to in the library at any one time.
- Counselling of subjects with students will now be done via phone calls home. Webex meetings can be arranged if needed.
- Families with computer based issues are to email IT@shc.vic.edu.au before coming into the school.

TIMELINE

- Tuesday 4 August will be a **student-free day** across Victoria.
- Wednesday 5 August will be the first day of remote learning for schools across Victoria.
- **Friday 21 August is a pupil free day. There will be no classes running or supervision on site.**
- Monday 31 August we are still planning on running parent teacher interviews. The format for this day has yet to be decided but **there will be no classes or supervision on this day.**

Office hours during remote learning will be 9am to 4pm. If you need to come into the school we ask that you email in advance and let us know swan.hill.c@education.vic.gov.au

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely



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