

1/10/2021

Yesterday the Premier announced a **staggered return of students back to school in term 4, please refer to the attachment for details.**

On the first day of term, Monday October the 4<sup>th</sup>, **students born in 2015, 2014, 2013** (years prep to 2) and **students born in 2003** (year 12) return fulltime to their onsite programs. (These students returned to onsite programs last term.)

On Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of October **students born in 2004** (Year 11) will return to full time to their onsite program

The week commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of October,

- **Students born in 2008** (year 7) return to fulltime onsite programs.
- **Students born in 2012 and 2011** (Years 3-4) and **2007 and 2006** (Years 8-9) will attend school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- and **students born in 2010, 2009, and 2005** (Years 5-6 and 10) will attend on Thursdays and Fridays.

**Tuesday 26 October, all students will be back in the classroom full-time.**

Students who live in metropolitan Melbourne will be able to attend onsite learning with their year level.

Staff and final year students who are required to cross the metropolitan border to attend school must be double vaccinated, or must get tested twice weekly.

#### **REMOTE LEARNING:**

Until your child returns to their onsite program, remote learning will continue. On-site supervision will be provided to vulnerable students in the following categories:

- Children whose parents are considered authorised workers, cannot work from home and where no other supervision arrangements can be made.
- Vulnerable children, including children in out-of-home care, children deemed by Child Protection and/or Family Services to be at risk of harm and children identified by the school as vulnerable (including via referral from a family violence agency, homelessness or youth justice service or mental health or other health service).
- Students with disabilities who cannot learn from home due to vulnerability or family stress.

Please be advised that students provided with onsite supervision will be with different students and staff running an alternative program - not their usual classes.

**\*\* For staffing purposes, ALL parents/carers who wish to access onsite learning under the above categories must inform the school prior to sending students to school** (even if your child has previously attended onsite during lockdown you still need to confirm attendance with WDSS).

Parents do NOT NEED to advise the school of students returning with their year levels as per the attachment.

Please contact the school via the school's email account - [warragul.district.ss@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:warragul.district.ss@education.vic.gov.au) which will be monitored over the weekend - ensuring you include what days you require your student to attend onsite. All emails will receive a confirmation - if you do not receive a confirmation, we have not received your email and you will need to retry.

Alternatively, you can contact the school by phone from 8:00am Monday or until 1pm today.

### **SCHOOL BUSES**

School Buses will run during this time to collect and transport students who have returned to onsite programs or who are considered vulnerable.

The most important action school communities can take to reduce the risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19), is to ensure **that any unwell student remains at home.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

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