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Dear Parents/Carers,

This isn't the Term 4 we were hoping for, although we can now see a way forward to getting our students back to school. I am looking forward to seeing them all onsite and getting into the routine we all miss. The following information has been sent to us from the Department of Education - I hope it gives you some clarity of the way forward in our return to school plan.

The Victorian Government has announced the Roadmap to Deliver the National Plan.

The Roadmap, which is based on advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, sets out the staged return to onsite learning in Term 4, with the plan being that all students returning onsite by Friday, 5 November, 2021 as follows:

Year levels	From Wednesday 6 October	From Monday 18 October	From Tuesday 26 October	From Friday 5 November
Prep		Monday – Wednesday	Monday – Wednesday	✓
Year 1-2		Thursday – Friday	Thursday – Friday	✓
Year 3-4			Tuesday – Wednesday	✓
Year 5-6			Thursday – Friday	✓
Year 7			✓	✓
Year 8-9			Tuesday – Wednesday	✓
Year 10			Thursday – Friday	✓
Year 11			✓	✓
Year 12 (VCE units 3/4 and final year)	✓	✓	✓	✓

VCAL and IB)

This will, however, depend on final advice from health authorities closer to each stage. For our school, this means that the following arrangements will be in place:

Grade or year level	Date of return	Days of week
PREP	MONDAY 18 TH OCTOBER	MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY
GRADES 1 & 2	THURSDAY 21 ST OCTOBER	THURSDAY TO FRIDAY
GRADES 3 & 4	TUESDAY 26 TH OCTOBER	TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY
GRADES 5 & 6	THURSDAY 28 TH OCTOBER	THURSDAY AND FRIDAY

Remote and flexible learning will be delivered to students on the days they are not onsite. Children of parents or guardians who are on the authorised provider and authorised worker list and are not working from home can continue attending onsite if no other supervision can be organised.

Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) programs will be open for all students during Term 4 in line with their return to onsite attendance at school.

Vaccination

Getting vaccinated is the best way to be protected from and prevent the spread of COVID-19. It is recommended that all students aged 12 years and over and their parents get vaccinated as soon as possible. To book a vaccination appointment go to coronavirus.vic.gov.au.

Mental health and wellbeing support for students over the holidays

Mental health support, resources and advice are available for students and families to access over the holidays.

Two factsheets for students and families have been developed to support the mental health and wellbeing of students during this time.

These have been developed to support school students and families over the school holidays to:

- support positive mental health and wellbeing of students
- identify signs that students may need mental health support
- access available support.

These fact sheets are also available in [19 different languages](#) on the department's website.

Please limit your movements over the holidays in line with restrictions and stay safe.

Thank you,

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