

Back to School Parent and Student Guide Term 4

Dear Students and Parents,

It is wonderful news that all students will be returning to campus over the next few weeks.

Years 7, 11 and 12 will be returning this Monday 12 October (with Year 10 students coming to campus for their VCE double classes ONLY) and Years 8 to 10 will be returning on Monday 26 October.

I imagine this is incredibly exciting news for students and a great relief for parents. It is a fantastic opportunity for us to finish this unusual year on a high, to see our friends and feel normal again. Learning in remote and flexible mode has continued incredibly successfully due to the hard work of students, parents and teachers. There is nothing like the real thing and we are looking forward to seeing our students.

There are of course some things we need to remember to make sure we transition back strongly and safely. You will be aware of them already, but they bear repeating:

- Students **must wear a proper mask** (not a scarf) to and from school and while at school.
- Students must remember **to socially distance and practise good hygiene at all times**. Everyone knows the drill by now: keeping masks on, staying apart, not touching, not sharing equipment or food, handwashing and hand sanitising regularly (sanitiser will be provided but it's a good idea to also bring your own). We ask senior students to show leadership and set a good example for the younger students.
- Students **must not share food or personal equipment**.
- Students **must avoid contact sports** in PE/Sport and where possible all classes will be outdoors.
- Remember to **practise social distancing on your way to school** as well. If the tram/bus is crowded, just wait for the next one.
- If you are **feeling unwell, you must stay at home and get tested**. Parents must inform Reception (9579 1044) if their child tests positive or a close contact, including family member, tests positive.
- Anyone who begins to feel unwell during the school day should inform their teacher and go to Reception where arrangements will be made for them to be taken home by a parent.
- Parents must not enter the school grounds and must drop students off safely, as far from the school grounds as practical. Parents wanting to talk to the school or teachers about any matter should use email. Phone and videoconferencing meetings can be arranged if necessary.
- The mobile phone policy remains in place.

- To manage the staggered start of students and staff, the priority will be greeting students at the general office. The General Office phones will be open from 10:00am – 2:00pm and concerns should be forwarded to: bentleigh.sc@education.vic.gov.au This is immediately answered by staff.

I must emphasise the need to **socially distance AT ALL TIMES**. Please remind your children of the golden rules - **MASK, SANITISE AND DISTANCE**. In cases where parents decide to keep their children at home, classes will continue to be posted on Compass so students can keep up. We will do our best to ensure no one falls behind, but we ask you to be aware that teachers, who will be fully occupied with classroom duties, will not be able to offer additional teaching assistance online to non-attending students, apart from assessing classwork. Our teachers have done a wonderful job keeping on top of remote and flexible learning for most of the year and we need to support them too.

There have been some instances where schools have been closed with little to no notice and there is no opportunity for staff or students to return to collect items once closed. Schools have been closed for many days in some cases and continuing our work could be challenging without the right equipment. Please ensure you are properly equipped to work from home if required. Fingers crossed we won't need to put this into practice!

While at school, students must abide by the now familiar safety protocols of temperature testing upon entry, wearing of masks at all times, hand sanitising, social distancing in the classroom and other hygiene practices.

I have attached the Back to School Parent and Student Guide Term 4. See you all back at school soon.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal

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