



# PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

*Transitioning back to face-to-face learning, updating parents, carers & students*  
**1<sup>st</sup> June 2020**

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*We've had a week of face-to-face learning with our year 11&12 students. I'm so grateful for the safe return of our year 11&12 students and our staff. Everyone is looking healthy and glad to be back to some kind of normality. I look forward to things getting back to normal as soon as possible. Until then, there are some key changes at school.*

*These changes are all around making sure that our staff and students remain healthy and safe and they include student access to rooms and areas of the yard and cleaning and hygiene and what will happen if a student shows any signs of illness.*

## REPORTS

Our upcoming semester reports will look different.

We want to capture and celebrate the work the students did at home supported by the outstanding efforts of carers/parents. We know that not all learning is academic and we're asking students to complete a self-reflection when they return to school, and parents, if you can spare 5 minutes, we want your feedback on your child's learning too. There will be an instruction video for this – look out for John Thompson's tutorial post in your newsfeed.

Your feedback and your child's self-reflection will be on the school report along with:

**Years 7-10**, Term 1 Assessment tasks & in term two - teachers will be providing a brief comment that reflects the efforts, skills and knowledge demonstrated during the time of remote learning, rather than A-E grades.

**VCE** Because of the shifting timelines - will reflect the student progress at this point in time. Students will receive a full detailed report demonstrating all their achievements at the end of the year.

If you're in VCAL the reports will be project-based.

## Designated classes & recess/lunch areas for students

To minimise movement of students & sharing of spaces, we have designated classrooms and active and passive areas for year levels during break times. **Our canteen will not be operational and it is recommended that students do not use the taps to drink from.**

<u>Year level</u>	<u>Rooms</u>
Year 12s	VCE Rooms & C9&10
Year 11's	W-Wing
Year 9&10s	C2-5 & C11
Year 7&8's	7&8LRC

*\*specialist rooms (Art/Foods/Wood/music Science), will continue to be used by all students.*

### **Active and passive areas for break times**

- Year 7&8's Undercover area outside foods room & courts adjacent to basketball courts & oval (cricket nets area)
- Year 9&10s undercover area outside canteen, basketball courts & oval (next to O2)
- Year 11&12's Around year 10 - 11 locker bay & behind the non-fiction library (previously out of bounds area)

### **Cleaning**

We will increase the frequency of regular cleaning (beyond what we normally do), including sanitising high-touch areas and shared areas throughout the day.

### **Hygiene**

- All staff and students will undertake regular hand hygiene, particularly on arrival to school, before and after eating, after blowing their nose, coughing, sneezing or using the toilet. This will be directed or supervised by staff where required.
- We will be practising hand hygiene immediately before and after use of shared equipment
- Where soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitiser will be made available.
- Students must bring their own water bottles to school for use (and refilling). It is recommended that students do not drink directly from drinking fountains at this time.
- Staff and students are reminded to clean their mobile phones regularly. The Cobram Secondary College Mobile Phone Policy remains in place so students will not be handling their mobile phones during the school day.
- Sharing of food is not permitted.
- School Canteen is closed

### **Buses**

All buses will have allocated seating for students. Where possible siblings will be seated together.

Students will be informed that they are not to change seats. Drivers will take zero tolerance with students that disobey this instruction.

No food is allowed to be eaten on the bus.

Drivers will disinfect students' hands when they board and depart the bus.

The buses will be disinfected at the end of each school run.

### **Computers**

Please continue to bring your computer to school with you. Additional devices will NOT be on short term loans as all students now have a device.

For students who have a school-owned device, please bring this to school with you.

### **Visitors to the school**

*"As the main risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the school environment is between adults, it is important that **visitors to school grounds are limited to those delivering or supporting essential school services and operations.**"*

Chief Health Officer Adj Clin Prof Brett Sutton

The office will open via appointment only. Parent queries are to be made via phone or email, rather than in person at the school. This will apply until further notice.

### **If your child is sick or displays symptoms during the day**

*“Perhaps the most important action school communities can take to reduce the risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19), is to ensure that any unwell staff, children and young people remain at home”*

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If your child is displaying any of the following symptoms or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice. If students display these symptoms throughout the day, you will be contacted & asked to collect your child.

- Fever
- Chills or sweats
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Runny nose
- Loss of sense of smell
- Stuffy nose
- Headache
- Nausea
- Diarrhoea