

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

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Important College Dates

TERM 2

- 25th May Student Free Day

- 26th May Year 11 & 12 return to school

- 8th June Queens Birthday Public Holiday

- 9th June Year 7—10 return to school

- 26th June Last day of Term

TERM 3

- 13th July Term commences

- 9th Sept GAT

TERM 4

- 5th Oct Term commences

- 9th Nov VCE Exams commence

What a week it has been. It seems that there is announcement followed by announcement followed by another announcement! Yesterday's news of course was confirmation of the GAT on September 9 and VCE examinations being held between November 9 and December 2. This is news that we have been waiting for, as all of our Term 4 planning is based around the VCE exams. This now means that we can plan exam periods for Years 10 and 11, plan for awards evenings and confirm end dates for each year level. Our VCE students will be relieved to know the time frame they are working towards.

We are working frantically to ensure that everything is prepared for the return of staff on Monday and then Year 11 and 12 students and Year 10 students who are studying a VET or VCE unit on Tuesday. While it is exciting to finally be welcoming students back to the College there is a lot of preparation for this to occur successfully. We have held year level assemblies throughout the week to ensure that students are being given a consistent message. The following may be of interest to you:

- Buses will be running as usual
- Fees for Term 2 buses were waived by DET, this is still the case
- Cleaning products and hand sanitiser will be in each room but it is advisable that students have a small bottle of hand sanitiser in their pencil case
- Students are not required to social distance but are asked to be thoughtful in the manner that they greet each other and congregate in the school grounds. Large groups will be asked to disperse.
- The canteen will be open for lunch orders from Wednesday to 27th May. Students will need to complete a paper bag order and have this to the canteen prior to recess—paper bags will be available at the canteen, no bags from home will be accepted. Snacks and drinks from will also be available. There will be no over the counter sales of lunch items. More information will be provided as it comes to hand.
- Drink fountains will not be available. Students are asked to bring a drink bottle that can be refilled at the taps.
- If a student is unwell they should not attend school until given the all clear by their GP
- If a student becomes unwell during the day with flu like symptoms they will be asked to
 - ◇ wear a mask
 - ◇ report immediately to sick bay
 - ◇ have their temperature taken (subject to symptoms)
 - ◇ be picked up immediately, they cannot stay at school and they cannot travel on the school buses

When students return they will notice a lot of signage, for example how many adults can be in staff rooms at one time and reminders of good hygiene practice. They are in place as a constant reminder that we must still be diligent.

Last Friday our students participated in a Tech Free House Challenge and I want to thank them for the manner in which they approached this day, shut down their screens and had some fun. I have received a few messages from students letting me know about their experiences with remote learning and expect more to come in over the weekend. I have asked parents to participate by sending messages of thanks or a reflection. I am keen to put together a display for staff to see on their return.

A huge thank you to Vanessa, Safari and Brigitte for putting the Tech Free House Challenge together.

Just a reminder that due to building works there is no parent access to the car parks as of Tuesday 26 May. Pick up and drop offs need to occur at the drive through at the stadium or across the road from the College. Your cooperation for the next 8 months will be appreciated.

Enjoy your week and we look forward to seeing your children over the coming weeks.



Statement of Commitment

DVC is committed to Child Safety. We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect children, as well as staff and volunteers.