

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

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Important College Dates

TERM 2

- 8th June Queens Birthday Public Holiday
- 9th June Year 7—10 return to school
- 24th June Parent\Teacher Interviews
- 26th June Last day of Term

TERM 3

- 13th July Term commences
- 9th Sept GAT
- 18 Sept Last day of Term

TERM 4

- 5th Oct Term Commences
- 9th Nov VCE Exams commence
- 10th Nov—Year 7 & 10 Immunisations
- 18 Dec Last day of Term

We are excited to welcome our Year 7 to 10 students back on Tuesday, it will be a clear indicator that things are returning to some sort of routine for us. I hope by this stage that your child's wellbeing mentor has been in touch with you via email to see if there is any individual support that we can provide to support the transition back to face-to-face classes.

Over the weekend can you discuss at home the expectations we have of our students on their return. Students must:

- use hand sanitiser as they enter the College grounds when they first arrive to school. This is found in all main entrances to the school
- enter classrooms promptly and not congregate in corridors to prevent over crowding
- use hand sanitiser on entry to all class rooms
- if developing cold or flu symptoms report to the general office immediately where they will be taken to sick bay, issued with a face mask, possibly have temperature taken and will wait until they are collected. They cannot remain at school and cannot take the bus home.
- Place a lunch order by recess if they wish to purchase from the canteen

Students may:

- be asked to assist with sanitising their work space but this will generally be done by the teacher or cleaner
- be asked to disperse if congregating in a large group
- be stopped from entering a building temporarily if cleaning is taking place
- buy snacks and drinks from the canteen over the counter

On Tuesday we are looking forward to the opportunity to reconnect as a school. The first two periods for the morning will be dedicated to this, with students spending time with their home group teacher and participating in a range of activities aimed at reflection and gratitude. Staff and students are encouraged to join in the fun with students asked to accessorise their school uniform with the addition of crazy socks, scarf and hat.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank staff for taking on the role of Wellbeing Mentors during remote learning. It was a very different role to that of Home Group teacher and allowed both teachers and education support staff to support our students during a very difficult time. I know I am going to miss the daily chats with my group of Year 10's.

You will have received notification that we are holding Virtual Parent Teacher Interviews on Wednesday 24 June. Students will not be required at school on this day, instead sitting with you as you meet with selected teachers via Microsoft Teams. We appreciate that it is very late in the semester but we see it as a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, their transition back to school and goal setting for Semester 2. As reports are not being issued until Week 2 of Term 3, it may also provide some students the opportunity to redeem units if they have fallen behind by completing outstanding work over the holidays. Bookings can be made on COMPASS.

Enjoy the long weekend!

Allison Bennett
Principal



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BUS INFORMATION FOR THE RETURN TO SCHOOL

As students return to learning at the College, many will resume travel via the College Bus Network. Please be assured that both Diamond Coaches and Panorama will continue to ensure their buses are clean and safe. All buses are wiped down before and after each trip. While social distancing among students is not deemed necessary by the Health Department, seats behind the driver are kept free.



While fees are not required to be paid for this term, as directed by DET, **it is still a condition of travel to carry and produce a valid bus pass.**

A Term 2 pass has been emailed to both you and your child.

Please advise your child to download it as a jpeg to any electronic device that they use at school or print as a hard copy if preferred and ensure that it is available on request to teachers on bus duty.

TERM 3 BUS FEES ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE BY FRIDAY 26 JUNE 2020. Fees not paid by this date will result in students not travelling Term 3.

If your Term 2 fees were paid please note that this payment has been reallocated to Term 3. If you are unsure please contact the General Office for a current statement.

As always, please contact me should you have any queries regarding bus travel.

Regards

Roz Saladino
Bus Co-ordinator

UNIFORM SHOP FOR THE RETURN TO SCHOOL

The onsite Uniform Shop will remain closed for the remainder of Term 2 and will reopen Week 1 Term 3. The onsite Uniform Shop operating hours are :

Tuesday 8.00am—11.00am
Thursday 1.00pm—4.00pm

If you need to purchase any uniform items you can visit the Academy Uniform shop at:

238 Wolseley Place,
Thomastown VIC 3074

Opening Hours:
Mon – Fri 9am -5pm, Saturday 9am-12pm

Or you can order online:

<http://www.academyuniforms.com.au/>

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