



The Kilmore International School

Friday, 15 May 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Following advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government has recently announced that students, teachers and support staff can return to face-to-face teaching.

Thank you for your extraordinary support of remote and flexible learning over the last five weeks. I have no doubt that this exposure to online learning and digital technologies will change current educational practices. Two important lessons for TKIS have emerged: online learning requires discipline, and learning will become increasingly digital.

Staged return to onsite learning

The return to school will take place in two stages at TKIS.

Stage 1: 25 May – 5 June

In the first stage, Years 11 and 12 students will return to school on Monday, 25 May. The existing remote learning program will not continue for these year levels. The normal daily classroom routine of 55 minute lessons will apply, as per your child's timetable. Please ensure your son or daughter present to Homeroom or assembly by 8.30 am.

Students in Grade 3 to Year 10, who can learn from home, must continue to learn from home. These students will continue to be supported online. Primary School students in Years 3 to 6 will continue with their existing remote learning program. Secondary School students in Years 7 to 10 will revert to an online routine of 55 minute lessons beginning with Homeroom at 8.30 am and concluding with Period 6 at 3.30 pm, as per their timetable.

Students who are unable to learn from home can continue to attend the supervised program at TKIS.

Stage 2: from Tuesday 9 June

All students return to on-site schooling and the normal timetable will apply. TKIS will no longer offer a remote learning program. As usual, contact the school if your child will be absent for medical or other reasons.

Essential health protocols during the staged return

TKIS will implement [protocols](#) informed by the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee. Enhanced cleaning, including cleaning throughout the day of high-touch surfaces such as bathrooms and door handles, has been introduced. Staff will practice physical distancing, while physical distancing is not considered necessary between students in the school setting. Frequent hand washing, using soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitiser, will be required for students and staff. All students and staff will have their temperature checked on entry to the school. Parents will be required to collect students who present with flu-like symptoms, including an elevated temperature. Finally, anyone who feels unwell should not attend school, including staff, parents and students. We trust that everyone will adhere to this essential principle.

School Operations

Staff

From Monday 25 May, all teachers and school staff will be expected to attend work on-site.

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Semester 1 exams in Secondary School

The Semester 1 examinations in the final week of term have been cancelled. Consequently, a modified report will be issued.

Tutorials

After school tutorials will commence from 25 May for Years 11 and 12 and from 9 June for Years 9 and 10.

Camps and Excursions

In line with advice from the Chief Health Officer of Victoria, all camps, excursions and incursions will be suspended for the remainder of Term 2.

Uniform

Winter uniform is to be worn on return to school by all students and school rules relating to personal appearance will apply.

Transport

Normal bus services will resume on Monday 25 May, for eligible students.

Parents at School

We ask that parents do not enter the school grounds, except via Gates 1 or 2 if they are visiting Main Reception. This includes those with a scheduled appointment or need to attend to business at Student Services.

Parents should remain in their vehicles when dropping off their children.

Boarding

The Boarding House will remain open during the term break.

Term break

The term break, scheduled to begin after Friday, 19 June, will be changed. The last day for students will be Thursday, 18 June. Friday, 19 June, will be a pupil-free day to allow for the Term 2 report to be finalised and issued.

The start of Term 3 will be brought forward one week to Monday, 13 July for staff and **Tuesday, 14 July for students**. Monday, 13 July will be a pupil-free day for staff professional learning.

Primary School operations

Ms Daniells will issue detailed information to parents about operational procedures for the reopening of the Primary School on 9 June.

Thankyou

I would like to thank you for the support you have provided during this period of remote learning. I am very proud of the way staff and students have engaged with learning in a technology rich digital environment. I know our teachers have felt supported by parents and now look forward with great anticipation to the return of the children. As ever, if you have any questions about our return to onsite learning, please do not hesitate to email me.

Sincerely



Andrew Taylor
Principal