



**A COMPLETE EDUCATION**  
A PREP TO YEAR 12 CATHOLIC CO-EDUCATIONAL COLLEGE



**MARYMEDE**  
**CATHOLIC COLLEGE**  
*— In the way of Mary —*

From the Office of the Principal

13 July 2020.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you would be aware, the State Government has made some significant announcements in relation to arrangements for schools in Victoria for Term 3.

Based on advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, Catholic schools in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire will have specific arrangements in place for week one of Term 3 as outlined below. Schools will then move to remote and flexible learning for most students in Prep to Year 10 from the start of week two.

It is very important to note that the Victorian Chief Health Officer has advised that schools can continue to operate. The Chief Health Officer has also provided advice about the health measures that should be taken by staff and students, and we will be following these.

The purpose of these changed arrangements is to reduce the number of students and families moving across metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire in order to reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

It is, however, important that face-to-face teaching be maintained for some students. This includes students in Years 11 and 12 (and Year 10 students who have VCE studies or VCAL strands in their learning program) because of the importance of enabling all students to continue or complete their Senior Secondary certificate, either VCE or VCAL.

It is also important that students in specialist schools have full access to the specialist expertise of the teachers and support staff in these schools which is most able to be fully deployed in face-to-face settings, and that support is provided to families where parents or carers cannot work from home and others who need the support that on-site provision enables.

The new arrangements are set out in detail below.

**Monday 13 – Friday 17 July**

Students in Years 11 and 12, students in Year 10 undertaking VCE or VCAL studies and students enrolled in specialist schools will return to school on Monday 13 July.

Monday 13 – Friday 17 July are student-free days; therefore, students not in the categories above are not required to attend school. These student-free days will enable our staff to prepare for the change to remote and flexible learning from Monday 20 July.



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We will provide an on-site supervision program for students during this week. This program is available for students whose parents/carers cannot work from home and no other arrangements can be made.

These same arrangements will be in place across schools in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire.

**Arrangements beginning on Monday 20 July**

From Monday 20 July, Marymede will be moving to remote and flexible learning. This will apply to all students apart from the following:

- Year 11 and 12 students and Year 10 students undertaking VCE or VCAL programs;
- students enrolled in specialist schools;
- children of parents/carers who cannot make suitable arrangements to supervise children at home;
- students with disabilities who choose to attend on-site.

We will follow similar arrangements to those we put in place for remote and flexible learning in Term 2.

The latest information about coronavirus (COVID-19) and schools is available on the Catholic Education Melbourne website: [www.cem.edu.au/Coronavirus.aspx](http://www.cem.edu.au/Coronavirus.aspx).

Victoria's Chief Health Officer has confirmed that the use of face masks or coverings by adults or children is not recommended in schools at this time. As has always been the case, students who wish to wear face masks in school and when going to and from school may do so.

And, finally, a reminder that if you, your child or a family member develop symptoms of a fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, or loss of smell or taste, you should get tested at a coronavirus (COVID-19) testing facility and stay home.

If you would like health information from the Department of Health and Human Services, you can visit [www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus).

Information regarding arrangements for students being able to come on campus this week to collect books, materials, devices etc. will be forthcoming in due course.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr. Michael Kenny**  
Principal