



LYNDHURST SECONDARY COLLEGE

Dear Parents and Guardians

The resilience of students, parents and staff has been tested over the 6 weeks of remote learning this term. I am very proud of how our whole school community has worked together make the best of the challenges our community is facing. As I advised in my last communication to you, the College will be re-opening with a staggered start by our students as per the advice by our Premier, Mr Daniel Andrews. We are all very excited to welcome our students back.

I am so proud of the way our staff and students and the community have taken on learning new software and a new way of teaching and learning. For students in Years 7 to 10 that will continue at home until 9th June. We look forward to welcoming our Senior School students, years 11 and 12 back to face to face learning next week from Tuesday, 26th May.

The purpose of this communication is to provide information for families about arrangements on the school site. It will not be school as normal. We are relying on all members of our community to be patient and adhere to the guidelines and arrangements outlined below.

- Monday 25th May is a student free day and there will be no classes either remote or on the school site.
- On Tuesday 26th of May, year 11 and 12 students return to face-face learning.
- **If your child is ill or feeling unwell, they must not attend school.** You must keep them at home and away from others and seek medical guidance before returning to school. We ask all parents to communicate with their child/ren how important it is to inform your parent/s or guardian or teacher, if you are feeling unwell.
- Social distancing will be adhered to for all adults on site
- **No parent/carer to come on site without a prior appointment**
- All signage in relation to social distancing must be adhered to when on site
- Parent meetings will be conducted via phone and/or video conferencing (WeBex).

The following Learning Protocols will be in place:

- If year levels are present onsite, the provision of learning will be onsite. There will be no combination of remote learning and onsite learning for students. Exception to this rule may include students who are immunocompromised or with circumstances beyond their control that are preventing them from attending school. If your child is in this category, please contact your child's sub school leader to discuss the situation. The leadership at the College will review each case and identify the best appropriate supports.

- We will continue to encourage physical distancing for students. Students will be expected to avoid gathering together in close proximity and reminders about this will be communicated to our students prior to attending on site. Staff will always remain vigilant in encouraging physical distancing.
- Lockers will be available for students to use with students being asked not to congregate or linger in the locker bays.

The following hygiene protocols will be in place:

- Hand sanitiser will be readily available for use. There will be hand sanitiser in every staff office, classroom and upon entry to Reception.
- Students must undertake regular hand hygiene including on arrival at school, before and after eating, after blowing nose, coughing, sneezing or using the toilet. Reminders will be in place including signage at the College and via electronic and print media forms including student briefings via Webex prior to learning recommencing onsite and on arrival at the college.
- Students will not be able to drink from water fountains and these will be closed for personal use. Students will be allowed to fill a personal bottle from taps. Signage will indicate locations. Students must bring their own **water bottles** every day to school. Students should not be sharing water bottles.
- As per College and department rules, use of mobile phones is not permitted at all during the school day. Please refer to the mobile phone policy that can be found on our website.
- Students are to bring in their devices to use during the school day (their own or those devices they borrowed from the school) and they are to take them home each night. No sharing of devices is permitted. This is to limit cross contamination as they are breathed on, touched etc.
- Strict hygiene practices must be implemented by all staff and students, including covering sneezes and coughs with the elbow, placing tissues immediately in the bin, avoiding touching one's eyes, nose, and mouth, not sharing food and drink, encouraging non-contact greetings and not using mobile phones or sharing devices.

If a student or staff member becomes unwell during the school day, they must present to First Aid immediately for assessment. Contactless thermometers will be available on site and temperatures will be checked should students present to First Aid. Should the student or staff member display any signs/symptoms associated with Covid-19, they will be isolated in an appropriate space and are required to be collected by a parent/guardian (student) or leave the campus immediately (staff member). Staff or students experiencing compatible symptoms with coronavirus (COVID-19) should be encouraged to seek the advice of their

healthcare professional who can advise on next steps. A medical certificate is not required to return to an education setting after a period of illness, however staff and students should not return until symptoms resolve.

The following cleaning protocols will be in place:

- High use areas will be cleaned frequently – we will have two cleaners on site to do this from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Increase the amount of fresh air available indoors by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning, weather permitting where possible
- Provide bins in every classroom for used tissues, and empty them regularly throughout the day

Other general information:

There will be no canteen operational for students to use this term. Please make sure students come to school with food and a water bottle. We are a closed campus and students are to remain on site for the duration of the school day. They will not be allowed to go off site for any reason. We will have breakfast club running on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and lunch club on Tuesdays.

Report writing day that was scheduled for the 9th of June will be postponed to Friday 26th of June (the last day of term). This will allow time for students to settle back into school and for staff to work with them and assess their learning. The reports will also be moved back and be available during week one of Term 3. Once reports are completed and made available to families, you are able to contact and speak to any teachers if you have any concerns or questions about your child's progress. Teachers will also be contacting parents to discuss any concerns they may have as needed. All communication will be done via phone or through video conferencing until we are advised by the Victorian Chief Health Officer that it is safe for face to face meetings.

To support our students, our staff and our families we are planning a "Wellbeing Wednesday" on June 3rd to support everyone's physical and mental health. There will be recommended activities posted on Compass for families to access. Year 11 and 12 students will engage in activities on site where minimal impact on their learning can occur.

A reminder that Monday 25th of May is a student free day and no classes will be running that day.

I once again want to thank our whole school community for working together to achieve a great transition in the way we engaging in Teaching and Learning. We look forward to the 9th of June where we will have our whole school community on site, together again.

Stay Safe

Warm Regards

Konnie Prades

Principal

20th May, 2020