



LYNDHURST  
SECONDARY  
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### UPDATE: RETURN TO ONSITE LEARNING

Dear parents/carers,

As I write this update, teachers are beginning preparations for the return to onsite learning. They are very excited. I am sure you and your children are as well!

In my last communication to you early last week I outlined the arrangements for the return to onsite learning. The College will be re-opening tomorrow for staff and will be a student free day. No students to be on site and no on line learning to occur.

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> of March we welcome back our Year 11 and 12 students to the College and we look forward to seeing them. On Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of June, we welcome back our whole school community.

In order to keep our whole community safe **if you are unwell, stay at home.**

The most significant risk mitigation that we can do is to not come to school when sick. I say that to all those returning to the college next week, both teachers and students. Professor Peter Collignon, in *The Sydney Morning Herald* on 14 May, pointed out that “a big factor in most of the clusters of COVID-19 in Australia and New Zealand is that someone went to work or a function when unwell”. We are all tempted to “soldier on” when dealing with a cold or flu but, in this time of pandemic, such an approach could be disastrous. After such a long period of remote learning, everyone will be anxious not to miss a day of school. Please resist the temptation to send children to school with any of the COVID-19 symptoms. If your child is symptomatic, please have him or her tested before returning to school.

Whilst we are bringing back a sense of normality, there is a new normal. On your children’s return, there will be a wonderful sense of the familiar, but also much that will have changed. Some of them, for example, will be taught by teachers who remain at home, as they are vulnerable. Some of our students may not be able to return because they are vulnerable. Drinking water from taps will no longer be possible- **water bottles are essential.** Gathering in large groups will be strongly discouraged. Plans are in place to support a safe return to the College for our whole community and we ask for your patience as we transition to this new normal.

## **Year 12**

Many of you will have already heard the news that VCE examinations have now been scheduled to start on Monday 9 November. We can now begin to plan accordingly. The General Achievement Test (GAT) will be held on 9 September. Of course, this comes with the caveat that there isn't a serious second wave of infections. However, we are starting to feel a great measure of comfort that Year 12 students will be able to complete their courses.

## **Report Writing Day**

The report writing day that was scheduled for Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of June has now been moved to the last day of term, June 26<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Please review the communication I sent out last Monday with more details about return to onsite learning and protocols we have put in place to keep everyone safe.

Warm Regards

Konnie Prades

Principal

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