



LYNDHURST
SECONDARY
COLLEGE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR TERM 3 COMMENCEMENT

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to another unusual term that has become the new normal. I hope you are keeping safe and enjoying quality time with your families under these challenging circumstances. We are delighted to have our Year 11 and 12 students back on campus. Equally I know the staff have been busy preparing to again teach remotely to our students in Year 7 – 10, ready to start on Monday July 20th.

Students in Year 7 to Year 10 may return to the College during this week to collect materials from their lockers to assist in returning to remote learning which starts on Monday 20th July. **Please call ahead to make arrangements if your child needs to access their lockers.** We ask that students only access their locker and leave the Colleges once materials have been collected.

Remote learning asks a great deal of teachers and I have every confidence that the wonderful teachers of Lyndhurst Secondary College will rise again to the challenge. To help them do so, we have collected feedback on our delivery of remote learning last term from students, parents and staff, and are currently reviewing our delivery of remote learning on the basis of that feedback.

Please note that these arrangements may be subject to change. We are in the middle of a fast-moving situation and by the time you read this email it may be out of date.

Arrangements for students

Senior School students

(Year 11 & 12 students and Year 10 students studying a Year 11 Subject)

In line with Victorian Government guidelines, Senior School students returned to school for onsite learning on Monday, 13th July. Classes will run as normal. Please note that this includes all Year 10 students who are undertaking a VCE subject.

Given Melbourne's current COVID-19 infection rate, there will be rigorous monitoring of physical distancing of students within the Senior School. Where possible given the constraints of classroom settings, we will be stringent in our requirements of Senior School students and their physical distancing this term. Please make your child aware that they will be required to maintain physical distance from peers and adults onsite.

Year 7 to Year 10 students

Students in Year 7 to Year 10 will begin remote learning on Monday 20th July. As you know, this week is student free, with the holidays for these students extended until Friday. Our staff are using this time reviewing feedback from students, parents and staff on our remote learning delivery last term, and to prepare for remote classes.

If your child needs a device, please contact the school to make arrangements.

Students who are vulnerable and are unable to safely learn from home, can attend school but you must complete the online Microsoft form that you can access on Compass, each week. Parents and students should be aware that these “classes” are in fact supervised sessions to allow remote learning to be accessed by students at school if needed

Wellbeing of Students

There may be children who will be upset or disappointed at the introduction of Stage 3 restrictions. It was after the announcement on Tuesday that my Year 12 son expressed disappointment for the first time this year. Many experiences have been lost and continue to be lost. There is also the loss of social connection that occurs through remote learning, as well as the natural anxieties that can occur during an event like a pandemic. The College is here to support, even from a distance.

If parents have wellbeing concerns regarding their son/daughter, they can contact the college on 59960144 and speak to a member of the wellbeing team. If the situation is an emergency, we encourage families to contact 000 and seek assistance. Beyond Blue has also developed a page with dedicated information and advice on mental health during the pandemic which can be found below at:

<https://www.beyondblue.org.au/the-facts/looking-after-your-mental-health-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>

We want to assure you that your child(ren), and you as parents, will be well supported in second transition to remote learning in Term 3 and we appreciate the patience and support from you as we make continue to progress in the remote learning process.

We are working very hard to make sure that no one is disadvantaged during this time. We ask that no parents/carers enter the school grounds unless attending for a pre-arranged meeting.

If anyone needs help or support, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s Sub School leaders as follows:

Senior School (Years 11 and 12) Mr Anthony Brannan at
anthony.brannan@education.vic.gov.au

Middle School (Years 9 & 10) Ms Jacqui Sampson at
Jacqueline.sampson@education.vic.gov.au

Year 8 – Mr Bishoy Aziz at
bishoy.aziz@education.vic.gov.au

Year 7 – Mr Harry Potter at
Harry.potter@education.vic.gov.au

Teaching and Learning Remotely

Changes to the content and delivery of curriculum during the current remote learning phase

In response to the feedback we received from students, parents and staff in relation to our first period of remote learning, and in accordance with Education Department guidelines, we have decided to make some changes to the way we cover and deliver our curriculum in order to support our school community through this next phase as effectively and sensibly as we can.

Students in Years 7 to 9 will continue to follow their normal timetable, but all lessons will be reduced to only 30 minutes worth of work in total. This is to avoid students becoming overwhelmed by the increased workload that online learning creates, and to enable families to find more time to focus on well-being.

Simple, easy to understand lesson plans for each subject for every scheduled lesson that week will be available on Compass by Monday morning, enabling students and parents to plan ahead.

Lessons will continue to be delivered via varied formats ranging from independent learning, narrated PowerPoints and live WebEx meetings depending on need and teacher preference.

Students will be asked to submit no more than one formative task per subject per week.

If you feel that lessons are not adhering to this framework, don't hesitate to contact the teacher concerned with your feedback.

We will again not be running Engage classes or Academy at this time, and we encourage students to use this time to catch up on work, engage in some physical activity or do something to support their mental health and wellbeing, utilising some of the activities on Compass from our Wellbeing Wednesday from last term.

We will also be organising some whole school community days over this period of remote learning.

It is hoped that these changes will assist our whole school community to not just survive, but thrive during remote learning.

Pick up and drop off

I remind parents who are driving their children to school of the arrangements currently in place. Please drop your child off, and do not get out of the car. We also ask that parents not come onto the College without a prior appointment.

Health and hygiene protocols for onsite learning

The College has in place preparations and protocols informed by the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) advice on reducing the potential risk of COVID-19 transmission in schools dated 16 April 2020, found [here](#).

It is of utmost importance that teachers, students and parents alike maintain physical distancing between themselves and each other at school.

No one, student, staff, parent or visitor, should come to the College when sick.

Temperature checking of students and staff is occurring. Anyone presenting with a temperature of 37.5 or above will be sent home. We would encourage anyone in our community with any cold/flu symptoms to get tested and isolate until results are known.

We ask for everyone's cooperation in adhering to this most important principle. Please stay at home with even the mildest of symptoms and get tested.

On behalf of all who work at the College, I thank you for your continuing support. We are, once again, entering challenging times but this too shall pass, Working together and supporting each other will help.

I appreciate your patience during their challenging times.

Stay safe

Regards

Konnie Prades

Principal

15th July, 2020