



## Fact Sheet for Students and Families Term 2 Return to School

Please note the following information is for Students and families for Mildura Senior College. Families with children at others school must follow the advice for that school. Schools are developing site specific processes to support the size, age groups and needs of their school. Thank you for your understanding.

### Return to School:

25<sup>th</sup> May Student Free Day

26<sup>th</sup> May Start back to school face to face teacher – Regular Timetable

In the first stage, students in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2, senior secondary (Year 11 and 12 Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) and Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)) students and all students enrolled in specialist schools will return to school from Tuesday 26 May.

Year 10 students undertaking VCE studies, including VCE Vocational Education and Training (VET) studies, should also attend school for those classes where practicable.

**The remote Learning program will not continue after the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May. Student are required to return to school.**



### Health and Attendance

The current Remote Learning model and Program will not continue beyond 22<sup>nd</sup> of May, classes will resume as normal and in the pre remote learning timetable and format.

#### What happens if there is a Confirmed Cases of COVID-19?

- DET has procedures in place with the Department of Health and Human Services to manage suspected or confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) in schools.
- If you suspect you have symptoms and are seeking testing, have been advised to be tested, have had close contact with a confirmed case (see below) or have received a positive test we ask you call the Principal immediately.

DHHS defines 'close contact' as someone who has either:

- had at least 15 minutes of face-to-face contact with a confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19)
- shared a closed space for more than two hours with someone who is a confirmed case.
- If a school has a confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19), the Department will work with the school to undertake a deep clean and the school will be made operational as soon as possible and the School Community will be alerted

- Individual Learning Plans will be created for students who cannot attend due to Medical requirements supported by a Medical Certificate and isolation requirements. This will be supported by the Wellbeing Team and Sub-School Leaders. Students must have a medical certificate to access this support.
- Students who cannot attend due to cold or flu like symptoms will be provided work to do at home via contacting their teacher on email.



## Safe Environment

### Enhanced cleaning

Enhanced cleaning in schools will be implemented for the remainder of Term 2 and for Term 3. This will provide progressive cleaning of high-touch points and other surfaces throughout the day. Mildura Senior College will have cleaners on site during the day and doing 6 additional hours a day of cleaning. Cleaners will be on site during the day to clean frequently touch areas.

Teachers also have access to disinfectant to clean specialised equipment used in classrooms

Cleaners will be wearing high vis-vests and will be visible to staff and students to ease concerns.

### Drink Bottles and Water Fountains

Students should bring their own water bottle for use at school as students should not drink direct from drinking fountains:

- Bubble taps and troughs not to be used – these will be turned off
- Fountains – Bottle refill only

### Hygiene

Good quality hygiene practices should be undertaken at all times. This includes:

- Good hand washing practices
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow
- **Do not come to school if you are unwell**

**Students who start to feel unwell during the school day** or are exhibiting cold or flu like symptoms will be required to be collected from school ASAP. We will be more cautious about this than in the past. We understand that it can be difficult for Parents/Carers to leave work to accommodate this but students cannot stay at school and cannot be sent home by themselves. Emergency contacts or another family member can assist Parents and/Carers in this circumstance.

**Hand sanitiser** is available on Site – we encourage students where possible to have personal hand sanitiser for their regular personal use – soap and regular hand washing is the best protection against the spread of germs.

Students will be asked to use Sanitiser as they enter each class and auto dispensers will also be located in group spaces.

### **Physical distancing**

Students are **not** required to socially distance at school or in the classroom, however we ask that students follow good practice to limit contact with others and do not share food or drinks. We will be maximising air flow in class rooms and using outdoor spaces where appropriate.

Students should ensure they supply all of their own personal equipment:

- Pens/Rulers/Calculators/Head phones (not wireless) etc.

### **High Traffic Areas**

The Student Centre will be open but limited to 40 chairs – 1 person per chair

Canteen seating area is closed and one entry and exit has been created. All other student seating areas are available (e.g. outside picnic tables)

The library access has been restricted to 100 this will be monitored by the Library Staff

The Front Office access will be one way traffic for the rear doors – Toilet end entry, wellbeing end exit only. All staff and students need to adhere to this.

**Lockers** will be staggered access for students – Year 11 Classes will be released 3 minutes early before recess and lunch. Students are encouraged to self-manage end of recess and lunch and are encouraged to collect their books before the bell and move to their next class to avoid congestion.

Mildura Senior College will not stagger breaks at this time due to enough available space in the yard and off site access:

- Staff on Yard Duty will move students on standing outside Subway area and **students need to follow the requirements of these vendors and the limits inside the shops followed.**
- This will mean these shops will serve less students than usual in the recess and lunch breaks.
- Only students purchasing items will be allowed over to or in the shops at 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

For students who want to access shops or food beyond the vicinity of the College please allow for travel and additional service time to ensure you are back to school on time for class. NO allowance will be made for this.

We strongly encourage students to **bring their own lunch** where possible.

- The DET *Students Using Mobile Phones Policy* remains in place. Students are reminded to clean their phones regularly. Phones can be turned on with the COVID SAFE app activated immediately before and after school. If students and families feel safer to have their phone on them with the App on, this must be kept out of sight at all times.
- Schools are managing the environment which include records of student, staff and visitor attendance, which can support contact tracing.

## **Parent Access to the School Site**

To support our students to have maximised class time we ask that all parents stay in the car for pick up and drops off times so we do not have to stagger finish/end of Day times. Due to the age of our Students we can minimise adult interaction if Parents/Carer support this approach.

We ask at this time that parents/carers refrain from entering the school. All enquiries should be made over the phone and meetings will be held online and via phone in the immediate future.  
**The staff will support parent/carers needs and enquires to be meet remotely.**

## **School transport**

Buses will run as normal:

- The Student Transport Program, including the Students with Disabilities Transport Program, will continue operation with enhanced cleaning and physical distancing from adults (driver and other attendants) where practical. Usual timetables will apply.
- The Department of Transport continues to work closely with DHHS and transport operators to implement measures to limit the risk of coronavirus (COVID-19) so that students can feel confident travelling on public transport to school.
- Students should practise hand hygiene before and after catching school transport (i.e. prior to leaving home and at the end of the school day) and practise physical distancing at bus stops.



## **Wellbeing Support**

### **Mental Health and Wellbeing Support**

The mental health and wellbeing of students will be a priority during the return to school transition. The Wellbeing Team and Leadership Team are here to support students, if you have concerns or concerns about someone else please discuss these concerns to support everyone through these challenging times.

Additional Health Promotion will occur through this period for both Staff and Students.

Our New Wellbeing Coordinator is Jemma McConnell. The Wellbeing Team is here to support students and Families. You can contact the Wellbeing Team via email or by calling the College. [wellbeingsupport@milsen.vic.edu.au](mailto:wellbeingsupport@milsen.vic.edu.au) or 50212911



## Student Support

### Supporting the Return to School

It will be a challenging time for many students as they return to school. Although many will be excited and relieved, there will be some that are worried, apprehensive and even reluctant to return. It will be the key focus of all staff to support our students through this difficult time, both with their learning support, wellbeing support and by having high levels of empathy for the challenges our young people and their families may be facing.

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### Supporting work completion and catching up

- First 3 days back catch up support focus
- Ongoing focus for wellbeing and learning support
- Wednesday morning catch up for all subject areas 9 – 10:30am in individual classrooms
- Wednesday morning catch up support for Numeracy in the VCAL Hub for the first 2 weeks
- Monday and Tuesday catch up sessions after school
- Term 2 Holiday Homework Club 9am – 12:30pm – Days to be confirmed

### Exams and Completion of VCE and VCAL Certificates

The VCAA to date has not released the dates for Year 12 Exams or the GAT.

However timelines for course completion has been extended to support additional learning time for students and to revise work and support students to achieve success.

The exams will occur this year and be completed before the end of the school year.

Courses in VET/VCAL/VCE will also all be completed before the end of the Year.

The end of Unit 1 for Year 11s and Unit 3 for Year 12s will finish at the end of the Term 2 Friday June 26<sup>th</sup> – this is 3 weeks longer than usual to accommodate the remote learning challenges.

Some subject areas have moved assessments to support students to be able to use practical equipment and this may mean some of these classes will have more flexible semester dates.

Year 12 Unit 4 courses have been amended by the VCAA to reduce the content and support students to have more time in Semester 2 to prepare for Exams. Our teachers have made the required adjustments to support their students.

Students will have the last week of Term 2 to complete practice exams and complete revision.

Year 11 Exams will not be conducted in the usual way but students will have the opportunity to complete a practice exam and have this marked by their teacher.

As soon as we have dates for Year 12 Exams we will provide these to Students and Families

### **Reports**

We will continue to provide Student Learning Profiles (SLPs) during this time to support Parents and Students to monitor Student course progress. Teachers are making accommodations for these challenging times in their assessment of student achievement.

Mid Semester Reports will be sent home in week 3 of Term 3.

Parents are encouraged to contact teachers or Sub-School Leaders if they are concerned about their Students' progress at any time.

### **Student Absences**

Individual Learning Plans will be created for students who cannot attend due to Medical advice and isolation requirements. This will be supported by the Wellbeing Team and Sub-School Leaders. Current Remote Learning model will not continue beyond 22<sup>nd</sup> of May.

Further information will be provided on how students access classes or learning if they are unwell.

### **Work Experience**

For those students who have one day per week work placement, these cases will be looked at individually and employers contacted.

Parent and Student Choice where able to proceed.

SBATS and External VET – as normal

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast club food prepared and handed out by School Staff – no self-serve will be available.

Breakfast Club will run from the COLA area outside the Engage Room.

### **Events**

At this stage until we receive further advice about gathering and restrictions to community spaces all events are postponed. This includes:

- The Beat
- Debutant Balls
- Year 12 Ball
- Transition Events will be held online until further notice.



### **Support Document links and websites**

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) advice for parents, carers and guardians](#)

[COVID-19 Health, Safety and Wellbeing Support](#)

[Fact sheet for 'at-risk' groups in the community](#)

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/getting-tested-coronavirus-covid-19>