



From the Principal's Office

21 May 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

Thank you again for all your support during these past weeks of remote and flexible learning.

This communication confirms arrangements that were outlined last week to the school community regarding the return to onsite schooling.

- **Friday 22nd May** will be a 'catch-up day'. This will allow many students and staff the opportunity to get up-to-date with their work, bearing in mind the increased complexities associated with online learning. The 'catch-up' day will replace the Report Writing Day that was scheduled for Monday 15th June.
- **Monday 25th May** will be a student-free day (no online classes) in preparation for the return of Year 11 and Year 12 students.
- **Tuesday 26th May** Year 11 and Year 12 VCAL and VCE students will return to school.
- **Tuesday 9th June** Year 7, 8, 9, 10 students will return to school.

For those Year 7-10 students who cannot be supervised at home and vulnerable children, the existing model of onsite schooling will remain in place during the two-week period from Tuesday 26th May to Tuesday 9th June.

Please note that once a year level has returned, all students from that year level will be expected to attend school as normal. This means if you choose to keep your child/children home after their year level has returned to onsite schooling, Emmaus College can no longer support their learning from home (this of course does not apply to children who need to be absent for health or medical reasons).

The latest EmmCast, which will be uploaded later today on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube, will contain some of the health and safety arrangements the school will have in place for the return of students and staff. We understand that some families may feel anxious about this move back to classroom teaching and learning. Emmaus College, like all schools in Victoria, has acted on the basis of the best health advice available to our State.

A reminder that if your child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice.

More information about the return to school and coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found on the CECV website, which will continue to be updated:

<http://www.cecv.catholic.edu.au/Coronavirus-information-for-parents>

Thank you for your continued support and patience during this time. We look forward to welcoming students back to the classroom in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely

Mr Tony Hirst
Principal