



EMPOWERING YOUNG MINDS

8 July 2020

Dear Oakleigh Grammar Parents

As you are no doubt aware, the Premier has announced additional urgent measures designed to control the spread of COVID-19 including changes which will impact school operations in Term Three. Based on the advice of the Chief Health Officer, Stage 3 restrictions will be imposed for six weeks in the Melbourne metropolitan area commencing midnight tonight.

I wish to advise you of the following measures pertinent to Oakleigh Grammar operations:

The school holiday break will be extended by one week for all students from the ELC to Year 9 inclusive.

A Staff Professional Development day remains on Monday 13 July, (which is a student free day). The School Holiday Program will be extended to include the period from Tuesday 14 July to Friday 18 July. If your child is currently enrolled in the School Holiday Program, your child's place will automatically be assured for the additional period. Any families who wish to access the School Holiday Program for the extended four-day period, please contact Reception to register. In particular, this may assist members of our School Community employed as COVID-19 front line workers.

In accordance with the Premier's advice; on Tuesday 14 July All Senior School students (Years 10 to 12) plus all Arrowsmith (Years 6 to 12) students will be expected to resume on-campus learning. Please note, Year 12 students need only be on campus for their examinations as previously planned and will revert to regular classes the following week. More detail will be provided from the Head of Senior School.

The Arrowsmith Program will facilitate students in Years 10 to 12 attending mainstream classes as per Term Two. Middle School Arrowsmith students will be accommodated for the Arrowsmith Program only. Further information for Term Three will be provided.

The School day will commence and conclude for all students on campus as normal. Any students returning to campus will enter and exit via Gate 2 only. All COVID-19 school protocols pertaining to good hygiene and social distancing will be maintained. All students returning to campus are expected to bring their own hand sanitiser and water bottle in support of these protocols.



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It is very important for the health and safety of all within our School community for your child to stay at home if they show signs of any upper respiratory symptoms or if they are not feeling well. This protocol also applies to our staff who along with your children, will be sent home if they are unwell.

Please note that the focus of Term Three will be academic teaching and learning incorporating all disciplines. All Co-curricular activities including Sport, After School Clubs and Programs, Excursions, Incursions, and Camps will not proceed until further notice.

Buses will continue to operate for all students returning to campus and pick up times will be advised by the end of the day on Monday 13 July.

Whilst students in ELC to Year 9 continue their school holiday break, our teaching staff will be preparing for the anticipated return to the Oakleigh Grammar remote learning model. As we are expecting further advice from the Premier early next week pertaining to school operations, more detail will be provided to you at that time confirming facilitation of learning from Monday 20 July, 2020.

With regard to Stage Three restrictions, Oakleigh Grammar as a responsible Community School supports heeding the advice of the Premier for members of our Community to stay home and playing our part to reduce the spread of COVID-19 throughout our society.

I take this opportunity to wholeheartedly thank you for your support and understanding in what is continuing to be an extremely challenging time for all of us. Please be assured that all staff at Oakleigh Grammar continue to maintain the highest level of professionalism and commitment to your child's learning journey.



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