

# CARRUM DOWNS SECONDARY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As you are aware we are operating in a constantly changing environment due to the impact of COVID-19 and the difficulties of containing this virus and keeping us all safe.

Announcements have recently been made by the Minister for Education, extending the school holiday period by one week for students from Prep to Year 10. During this extension decisions will be made as to how we will be moving forward with student learning. As I receive information in regards to moving forward I will ensure it is passed on to our community as quickly as possible.

What we do know is that all year 11 and 12 students (VCE and VCAL) and those Year 10 students who are undertaking a VCE Unit 1 and 2 subject are required at school from Monday 13th of July.

The directive for students in years 7-10 is to remain on holidays for an extra 5 days, their learning programs (in a format yet to be confirmed) will not resume until 20th July. If you are an essential worker and cannot make the necessary arrangements for your child to stay at home please email the college [carrum.downs.sc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:carrum.downs.sc@education.vic.gov.au) to inform us that you require support with the supervision of your child.

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# Stay Safe

If we all follow these recommended global guidelines, we can stop the spread of the Novel Coronavirus

I understand that this is a difficult time for everybody however we must support each other as we move forward with the key focus being on supporting students and their learning.

As outlined by the Minister we all have a focus on ensuring our students in their final stages of education remain engaged in face to face learning.

One additional practice that will now be implemented is that every student who enters the school site will be temperature checked. We are currently developing the processes to implement this practice and I have attached our processes that will begin from Monday morning. As you can understand these processes may change slightly as we move forward due to the short timeline to develop and implement.

Once students are temperature tested if a student has a temperature of 37.5 degrees Celsius or above, we will be contacting parents or carers to arrange for students to return home. Families will then be encouraged to seek testing for coronavirus or the advice of their healthcare professional who can advise on next steps.

This process will take a small amount of time to implement each day and I thank you in advance for your support to undertake this essential testing. Temperature testing is aimed at ensuring unwell students stay at home and do not risk spreading the coronavirus.

I look forward to seeing our senior students on site next week and please ensure you are keeping yourself safe and following the current guidelines.

Regards



Mark Gow  
Principal