

STAGED RETURN TO ON-SITE SCHOOLING – METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE AND RURAL AND REGIONAL VICTORIA

Essential actions

- **Cleaning**

High-touch surfaces at schools, such as bathrooms and door handles, to be cleaned throughout the day.

- **Physical distancing**

School staff and parents must follow physical distancing guidelines.

- **Hygiene**

Frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitiser is encouraged for all staff and students.

- **Health**

Anyone who feels unwell should not attend school, including staff, parents and students.

- **Face masks**

Face coverings are required for all people over the age of 12.

- Primary school students aged over 12 do not have to wear a face mask at school.
- Teachers and educators can choose not to wear a mask while teaching in the classroom.
- People who cannot wear a face mask because of a disability or medical condition are exempt.

- **PPE**

Personal Protective Equipment provided to schools.

Metropolitan Melbourne

(**Note:** Subject to the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer)

Students will return to on-site schooling in Term 4 using a staged approach.

VCE and VCAL students – 5 October

VCE and VCAL students can attend essential assessments on site

Senior secondary students, including Year 10 students enrolled in VCE and VCAL subjects, can attend on site for the General Achievement Test (GAT) and essential assessments only.

These students will combine a remote and flexible learning program with on-site attendance where essential.

On-site supervision for children of permitted workers and vulnerable students at all levels remains available.

Prep to Grade 2, Year 11 and Year 12 – 12 October

Students in Prep to Grade 2 return to full-time on-site schooling

The existing remote learning program will not continue for these year levels.

Students in specialist schools return to on-site schooling

All specialist schools in metropolitan Melbourne return to full-time on-site schooling. Schools can stagger the return of different groups over the week. Schools can offer learning materials for students that continue to learn from home.

Year 11 and 12 students will now attend on-site schooling full time

Grade 3 to Year 10 students – Date subject to health advice

All students in Year 3 to 10 will return to full-time on-site schooling

All students are now back at school.

Remote and flexible learning is no longer offered.

Rural and regional Victoria

(**Note:** As always, dates are dependent on public health advice)

Rural and regional schools will have a staggered return to school at the beginning of Term 4.

From Monday 5 October

- Specialist schools will continue with on-site learning
- Senior secondary students, including Year 10 students enrolled in VCE and VCAL subjects, can attend on site for the General Achievement Test (GAT) and essential assessments only
- Students enrolled in Prep to Grade 6 in stand-alone primary schools will return to on-site learning from Monday 5 October. Schools have the flexibility to stagger the return of year levels between Monday 5 October and Friday 9 October depending on local circumstances
- Students enrolled in Prep to Grade 6 and Years 7 to 10 in P-12 schools will continue to learn from home.

From Thursday 8 October

- Students enrolled in Prep to Grade 6 in P-12 schools will return to on-site learning. Schools have the flexibility to stagger the return of year levels from Thursday 8 October to Monday 12 October depending on local circumstances.

From Monday 12 October

- All school students, including Years 7 to 10 and VCE and VCAL students will return to on-site learning. Schools have the flexibility to stagger the return of Years 7 to 10 from Monday 12 October to Friday 16 October depending on local circumstances.

School staff

School staff will be required to attend school when they deliver on-site schooling or supervision, otherwise they will be working from home.

Staff are not required to attend school if they have a medical certificate indicating they are unfit for or unable to work.

Wellbeing support is available from the Employee Assistance Program.

Parents

Parents should follow advice from their school on health and safety measures, including physical distancing. Parents and other visitors will have limited access to school sites.