



LEARNING & WELLBEING DURING COVID-19

Throughout the course of the pandemic we have consistently sought to align our teaching and learning practice to relevant government advice. As you are aware, schools not only remain being identified as 'safe places', but the government goal now is for schools to be ready for regular attendance by the start of June.

Phase 1 – Remote online learning

Phase 1 saw the implementation of students learning remotely from home where teachers communicated with students and conducted classes using a variety of online platforms:

- Prep & Kindy Seesaw
- Years 1 & 2 Class Dojo
- Years 3-6 myEdOnline
- Years 7-12 SEQTA Learn and Office Teams

To reduce the stress of continual on-screen time and look after student wellbeing, the College encourages students to do some of their work offline. Timetables have been sent home indicating which classes are 'live' and which can be undertaken by students at a time convenient for them and their families.

Students of essential workers and those in vulnerable situations are able to attend school whilst they undertaking their remote online work and are supervised in their learning by teachers.

Buses will deliver learning packs each week to families who are not able to come to school to pick them up.

Phase 2 – Staggered Return to School

On May 11 we begin implementing our gradual return to school plan. Priority has been placed on our youngest learners who are the least independent and Year 11 and 12 who are preparing for the HSC.

The plan for students learning onsite at school in the week beginning 11 May is as follows:

- Prep – Monday to Friday
- Kindy – Monday and Tuesday
- Year 1 – Tuesday and Wednesday
- Year 2 – Thursday and Friday
- Year 3 – Monday and Tuesday
- Year 4 – Thursday and Friday
- Year 5 – Monday and Tuesday
- Year 6 – Wednesday and Thursday
- Years 7 – Monday and Friday
- Year 8 – Wednesday and Thursday
- Years 9 – Monday and Friday
- Year 10 – Wednesday and Thursday
- Year 11 - Monday to Friday
- Year 12 - Monday to Friday

Students will learn in a face to face mode on the days above and in an online learning mode on the other days. Please note that this may change dependent on Government advice and we may





increase the number of days that Kindy to Year 10 attend school on campus during this phase if all goes well.

Phase 3 – Full Return to School

It is the intention of Mountain View Adventist College to make full time, onsite learning available to all students as soon as practicable. Dependent on government expert advice, it is likely that Week 5, beginning 1 June will see the return of all students to school on a fulltime basis.

How will students be kept safe when they are at school?

We have carefully considered the staggered return to school to minimise the possibility of the COVID 19 spreading.

- To reduce contact between year groups, specific areas have been allocated to year groups for lunch and recess.
- All students and staff have their temperature checked by infrared thermometer as they enter school grounds.
- Parents and carers are to drop off and pick up their children outside of the internal gates. Carline is open in the afternoon.
- Daily deep cleaning of all high-use areas.
- Junior playground cleaned after each play session.
- Any student who displays symptoms of being unwell must be kept at home as per government advice. If a child becomes unwell at school or develops flu-like symptoms, families will be asked to collect them immediately as a precaution.
- Healthy hygiene practices will be followed with an emphasis on hand washing and social distancing where possible.
- Students are to bring water bottles to school as bubbles will be closed. Alternative refilling stations will be provided

Buses

We are expecting to run a revised bus schedule for the first few weeks of this term in line with the gradual return to school for students. A member from our Bus team will make contact with you to confirm the days of pick up so that we can plan the routes for this period of time. Please note that it is possible that your regular bus driver will not be picking up students during this time and that revised drop off and pick up times will be required.

Student Devices for Learning

Families without devices may contact the school to purchase a second-hand device or hire a laptop or iPad. Students who are at school may use the school devices in the library or classroom. At all times students must act safely online. A *Student Online Learning Agreement* has been issued to students and parents to provide guidance.

Canteen

The canteen will be open in a limited capacity during Phase 2 and then return to normal operation in Phase 3. To assist us with planning, we would appreciate that ALL lunch orders (Junior, Middle and Senior Schools) are placed at the canteen by 9:30am each day.

Uniform

While studying from home, students are expected to wear a school shirt or PE shirt when live on Office Teams to ensure online etiquette. Students are to wear school uniform when at school.





Wellbeing

The wellbeing and safety of all in our school community is important to us. We have been privileged to connect with parents and students in a different way during the pandemic and the Chaplains have been doing a wonderful job of recording chapels and sharing these with students and their families.

Teachers and support staff have been phoning families each week to check in about wellbeing and learning and provide follow up assistance where required. Counsellors are also available for a phone call or zoom counselling session.

If you would like further information or clarification about any of the above information, please feel welcome to the College.

Thank you for your continued cooperation during COVID-19 and I wish you God's blessing and peace.

God Bless,
Mrs Julia Heise
Principal

