

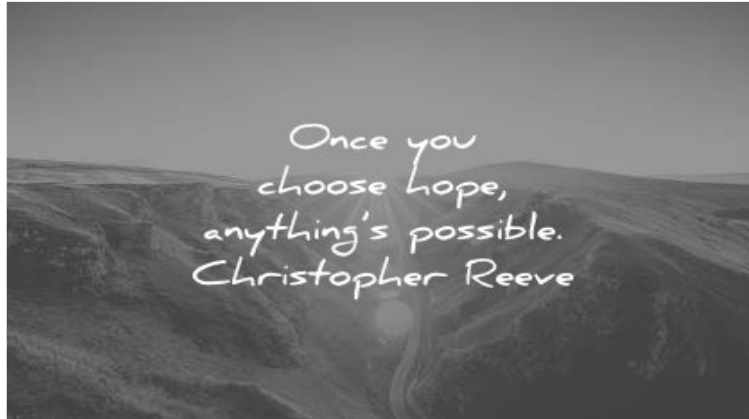
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Annunciation Catholic Primary School promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all students.



RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Hi everyone,

I thought it would be easiest if I put all information about returning to school in a mini newsletter so that you can print it out for a point of reference over the next few weeks.

Before I include all the details I would like to acknowledge that even though we are all very excited about the return to school there is also some understandable anxiety around this as the case numbers are so high.

Please be assured that the school will do everything possible to create the safest environment that we can. We are following all guidelines and ensuring best practice.

As the school principal I need to consider both the students and the staff when making decisions. All decisions made are based on the advice of the Department of Health so where things are mandated please note that this is not a school decision but a Government one.

The transition for some students may be difficult. They will be very tired after a few days of school routine and may not feel like coming to school. I do ask that you keep us informed if your child is having difficulty coming to school before keeping them at home. Every day back onsite is a valuable one and we must recreate the "normal" as soon as possible.

All teachers and myself are available if you need to discuss concerns or if you have any questions. We may not be able to have parents in the yard but that is where technology has created a terrific alternative to meet face to face if required!

Look forward to seeing you all soon, Robyn



What you need to know for next week:

- Children back onsite need to be at school by 8:45am and in their school uniform. This includes the children from other Grades whose parents are listed as Essential service
- Essential service children will still be working remotely whilst onsite
- Parents must drop off and pick up only. For next week, only the gate in Heather Avenue will be open. PLEASE do not park in the school car park. We have limited staff onsite next week so we can only supervise one gate.
- Parents cannot come into the yard. (Our sincere apologies for this). If you need anything from the office please speak to me (or the teacher on duty) and I may be able to assist. We are only allowing people into the foyer if we cannot help you in another way.
- If you do exit the car please maintain social distancing at all times.
- Leave all laptops and folders at home for now. (Unless your child comes to school for supervision)

Mask Wearing

- As directed by the Department of Health, masks are mandatory for Grades 3 to 6 and optional for Grades F-2. If you have an exemption for your child you must email me to let me know. I will then forward you a letter. Parents need to sign this letter to ensure the exemption falls under the lawful exceptions. This forms the school's policy for our COVID Safe Plan. Please note that parental preference is not one of the lawful exemptions.
- Parents will need to provide the mask. Masks will need to be worn onsite from Week 4.

Other Safety Procedures:

- Air purifiers are being provided by the Government but apparently the demand is stretching availability.
- Staff will all be updated on best Ventilation Practices at a meeting next week
- All staff are vaccinated as per the mandate issued by the Victorian Government
- Only essential visitors will be permitted in the school
- In larger schools students may be kept separate from other grades. As we only have one building this is a little challenging. However on the plus side to this, we only have a very small number of children compared to most schools which minimises the risk.
- Cleaning will be conducted every night.
- Assemblies will still be conducted remotely so we are not meeting indoors in large groups.

Timetables

I will only include next week's timetable in case we reach the 70% benchmark earlier and the restrictions change. Please take note of the change of times!

Remote Learning times

Monday to Thursday (See Friday's timetable for times)

9:30am - 11am Remote Learning begins at 9:30am (This will give parents time to get home if they have more than one child.)

11:30-1:30

2:30-3:00

GRADE PREP and 1/2 Parents please note: 11:30-1:30 is too long for the smaller children so your children will only be on from 11:30 to 12:30 in the middle block.

Next week's timetables:**Week 3**

Monday Oct 18	Tuesday Oct 19	Wednesday Oct 20	Thursday Oct 21	Friday Oct 22
All Preps onsite	All Preps onsite	All Preps onsite	Grades ½ onsite	Grade ½ Onsite
All other Grades Remote Learning	All other Grades Remote Learning	All other Grades Remote Learning	All other Grades Remote Learning	All other Grades Remote Learning

FRIDAY's Timetable

9-10	½ ICT	Jayka ⅝ Online LOTE	No remote class for 3/4	No remote class For Prep
10-11	Prep ICT Online	Jayka ½ LOTE onsite	Miss Gen R U OK Grades 3/4/5/6	
11:30-12:30	¾ ICT Online	Prep LOTE Online	Julie with 1/2	Gen ⅝class online
12:30-1:30	⅝ ICT Online	¾ LOTE Online	Julie with 1/2	Prep Gen online
2:45-3:15	All children come back on for Assembly			

