

13<sup>th</sup> May 2020

## **Phased Return to Onsite Learning**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The College Executive has now finalised the Return to School plan for Northside Christian College and as with all Victorian Government schools, we will be adopting a phased return to school approach. There are some minor differences between Northside's plan and the plan being adopted by Victorian Government schools. These differences are due to our own unique circumstances and also that we cater for students across both Primary and Secondary students on one campus.

Full time, face to face onsite learning will recommence in the coming weeks as follows:

**Monday 25 May - Prep, Grade 1 and all students enrolled in VCE Unit 3 & 4 subjects.**

**Monday 1 June – Year 2 to 6 and all students enrolled in VCE Units 1 & 2 subjects.**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Year 7 to 9 students and all remaining Year 10 students.**

Please note that children of essential workers and vulnerable children will continue to be able to attend school for supervision up until their specified return date.

For students in the year levels which are not listed above, the current home-based Remote Learning arrangements will remain in place until their specified return date.

It is recognised that some parents may choose to keep their children at home due to concerns about COVID-19 and this is respected. If parents choose to do this, I ask that you notify the school to discuss how we can support you as you continue to home school your child. The College will endeavour to support families whose children do not return to school but will not be providing the current Remote Learning format.

Parents and carers of children and young people with complex medical needs are encouraged to seek medical advice from their health practitioner to support informed risk assessment and decision-making regarding the suitability of on-site education for their child. The College will support any family with extra needs in this area.

To assist us with our planning, it would be of great help if you could respond to a very quick survey indicating your intentions in regard to your child attending school or not. The link to the survey is at the end of this letter.

The College will be adopting the protective measures outlined by the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students, teachers, staff and families.

**We will be providing more information on how these measures will be implemented at Northside prior to the return to school dates.**

One important rule will be that if your child is sick, **they must not come to school**. You must keep them at home and away from others. Furthermore, if there is **any** sickness in your household, please keep your child at home even if they are not sick themselves.

The College will continue to monitor events and is ready to make any further changes to the plan outlined above if deemed necessary. We will, of course, keep you informed throughout.

If you would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact the College office on 9467 2499 or email at [ncc@ncc.vic.edu.au](mailto:ncc@ncc.vic.edu.au)

You will be receiving more information over the next 2 weeks as the return to school date approaches. The main purpose of this letter today is to give you some clarity on when your child can return to school.

Our staff have greatly appreciated all the positive feedback that has been provided to them over the last few weeks. My sincere thanks go to all parents and guardians for your support and understanding during these challenging times.

Here is the link to the parent survey:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfyNEmgns7iXDA9PnPYuV0g0KFgWrvUrT268uq9ZDuY0tqrfg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfyNEmgns7iXDA9PnPYuV0g0KFgWrvUrT268uq9ZDuY0tqrfg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Grace & Peace

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Damian Higgins', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Damian Higgins  
Principal