

Friday 1st October 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Yesterday, the Premier announced the plan for regional Victorian students to return to face to face schooling. From Monday 4 October, all Prep to Year 2 and final year students will return to the classroom full-time, as they were at the end of Term Three. From Wednesday 6 October, once final year students have completed the GAT, regional Year 11 students will also return to prepare for their final assessments and exams.

From Monday 11 October, a staggered approach will apply so all students are back in the classroom at least part-time. Years 3-4 and 8-9 will attend school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and Years 5-6 and 10 will attend on Thursdays and Fridays – while Year 7 will return five days a week.

This means that if your child is in Year 5 they will be in remote learning for the first week, then the following two weeks, they are at school on Thursday and Friday and in remote learning for the other days.

Years 3-10 teachers will send out information for their students on Compass, Teams or class DoJo. The majority of the timetables will be the same but there are a couple of staffing changes which will be reflected on the Compass timetables.

From Tuesday 26 October, all students will be back in the classroom full-time.

Further information from DET is due later today and I will keep you informed of any other changes.

We will also continue to provide onsite supervision for students as we have done in the past. If you require this, please fill out a form, (these are on Compass) and email Julie-Ann Kelly for 3/4 students and Michael Castersen for Years 5-10. Only use this if it is necessary as many teachers are juggling classes at school as well as remote learning.

I will be away on two weeks Long Service Leave from the start of Term 4 and Michael Castersen will be the Acting Principal for this time. Matthew Irving will take on the Acting 5-12 Assistant Principal role.

In addition, Kaitlyn Lee is now on Maternity Leave, and we wish her all the best as she prepares to enter parenthood! Ashleigh Hunger will teach the Foundation class and Scott Twycross will take on Ashleigh's Year 3/4 class. Welcome to Terang College Scott!

We would also like to welcome Linda Clifford to Terang College as a member of staff. Linda will be working with students who have additional needs. Welcome Linda!

Michelle McKinnon is taking Long Service Leave for all of Term 4. Several staff will take on her teaching allotment. Mr Bailey Kemp will be replacing Trevor Ellington for the first 5 weeks of Term 4. Bailey has been working at the College in recent times, helping to supervise the onsite learning program. Welcome Bailey!!

Finally, as we enter the final preparation stages for our Year 12 students, I would like to acknowledge the challenges they have faced and overcome during their final two years of schooling. Their ability to adapt, remain agile and stay resilient will stay with them into the future and provide them with a foundation from which great things can be built upon.

Take care and stay safe.

Kath Tanner