

Dear Parents and Carers,

The staff are looking forward to having our students back onsite at Hume Valley School (HVS). As you know, **Tuesday 26th May** is the first day back for all students.

I am extremely proud of the way in which HVS staff, students and parents have adjusted to the challenges, supported each other and developed within this unprecedented environment. Whilst it has not been easy, we have learnt a great deal about our ability to adapt, to communicate and engage in remote learning.

Whilst it is exciting to return to school we must ensure we manage the return with careful planning. The advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer is clear that it is safe for students and staff to return to school. Nevertheless, it remains important that physical distancing for adults and strict hygiene measures for everyone continue to be applied. Some of the hygiene actions are listed below; points we require you to pay close attention to are highlighted:

Health and Hygiene

- Any student who is unwell must not attend school on-site. Parents must keep their child home if they have cold or flu like symptoms.
- Increased levels of cleaning throughout the school continues.
- All staff have been supplied with hand sanitisers, gloves, disinfectant spray and wipes.
- Soap and handtowels will be provided in each classroom for regular handwashing.
- We ask that all students bring a full plastic water bottle each day.
- The canteen will not be open.
- The Breakfast Program will continue, but this will occur in individual classrooms.

Camps, Excursions and Assemblies

- Excursions, incursions and camps will not take place until further notice.
- School Based Apprenticeship and Training (SBAT) sessions will continue for some senior students.
- No large assemblies will take place until further notice.

School Bus Transport

- Students will continue to use their normal school bus service.
- All school buses will undergo daily cleaning and sanitisation.

Parents at School (The Chief Medical Officer has directed all schools to limit the adults on site to staff only)

- We ask that parents do not enter the school. The front doors to the School Office will be locked.
- Parents must maintain physical distancing (1.5 metres) between themselves and other adults (staff and other parents).
- When dropping off and picking up your children please remain in your car and use the designated areas (see map). School staff will come to your car to assist your son/daughter to enter and leave the school safely.
- Teacher conversations are to be conducted over the phone or via email.
- Student Support Group (SSG) meetings will be conducted remotely via telephone.

Thank you again for working with our school to ensure we get through this safely together. If you have any questions or queries, please contact the school via phone or email.

Yours sincerely,



Diane Bassett - School Principal

