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Staying Connected No. 25, 2021

Hello Everyone,

I trust you are all enjoying the fact that your children are not stuck behind a screen all day having to do Remote Learning! I also trust, despite this lousy weather, your children are out and about outside. I know we have restrictions, however, there are plenty of things kids can do in the backyard or down at the local park. **Anything but a screen... for their own physical and mental health!**

I had said I would communicate with you when we have some news about the roadmap for returning to school. I probably know, no more than you at this stage. We are still waiting on the Minister for Education to speak. However, after the appalling behaviour in the city yesterday from some extreme right-wing bullies, I am sure it is reasonable to expect the parliamentary cabinet to have more important issues on their mind!

What I can tell you is that all children in Prep will return to school on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from Monday 18 October. Year 1 and 2 children will return to school on Thursday 21st October and then every Thursday and Friday.

The dates the other classes return to school are to be determined by vaccination rates.

What's the plan for getting kids back to school and childcare in Metro Melbourne?

5 October: GAT students can return to school and sit their exam

6 October: VCE, final year VCAL and IB will return to the classroom

18 October: Prep students will be on-site Monday to Wednesday
Year 1 & 2 students will come in on Thursday and Friday

70% 

· Students in remaining year levels will return to classrooms at least part time

On-site learning days:

Grade 3 and 4	Tuesday and Wednesday
Grade 5 and 6	Thursday and Friday
Year 7	Monday to Friday
Year 8 and 9	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 10	Thursday and Friday
Year 11	Monday to Friday

· Early childhood education and care open for children of **fully vaccinated parents**

80% 

· All year levels return to classrooms full time

· Early childhood education and care is open for all children

I have met with the School Leadership Team this week to begin planning what learning will look like, considering we will need a hybrid model of learning that will include face to face and remote learning for all classes, come Week 3 of Term 4. There is a lot to organise.

We are also waiting on directives from the Minister for Education and Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools in relation to who might attend onsite learning. We will also need to make some local decisions.

However, for the time being, Remote Learning continues for all classes on Monday 4 October.

Don't forget, we are going to try and have a **Whole School Remote Assembly** on Monday 4 October at 9.10am. This will be a trial dependent on technology. But it's worth a try in an attempt to stay connected as a whole school.

Here's the link to the Assembly. Good luck getting on!

meet.google.com/ras-qdjk-gnr

Go well everyone. Keep safe, get vaccinated and remember to take some time for yourself...



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