



# ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Phased Return to Classroom Learning

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers

As previously advised, the Victorian State Government has announced that Victorian school students will begin a phased return to classrooms.

Monday, 25 May 2020, will be a pupil free day to support all school staff to prepare and complete the necessary planning for a successful transition back to school. Remote Schooling will not take place on this day and all students will remain at home.

**From Tuesday, 26 May 2020**, all Grade 1 and Grade 2 students will return to classroom learning.

Students in Grades 3 to 6 will continue Remote Schooling at home until Tuesday, 9 June 2020, except for:

- *children of parents who cannot work from home;*
- *children who are not able to be supervised at home and no other arrangements can be made;*  
*and*
- *vulnerable children.*

If you intend for your child in Grades 3 to 6 to attend on site schooling from 26 May 2020 due to one of the reasons listed above, we ask that you advise the school by Friday 22 May.

**On Tuesday, 9 June 2020**, all students will return to classroom learning and will be expected to attend St Joseph's Primary School as normal.

Where parents, guardians or carers choose to keep children home instead of returning them to classroom learning, St Joseph's Primary School will no longer be required to provide a Remote Schooling Program. However, St Joseph's Primary School will endeavour to provide extended absence work for those unable to attend. Your child will be marked as absent from school.

We ask all parents, guardians and carers to keep their child at home if your child is unwell. If your child is unwell on arrival or becomes unwell during the day, you will be contacted and required to come and collect your child.

If your child is experiencing signs or symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough or sore throat), it is recommended that appropriate medical advice is sought. Your child should not be sent to school.

We would also like to inform parents that the school will not be conducting temperature checks of students, staff or visitors to the school. Instead, the school will be implementing known controls, such as good hygiene measures.

While medical advice states that physical distancing is not required for students during classroom activities, St Joseph's Primary School will be implementing control measures including:

- expecting that parents maintain social distancing. Staff members will walk students, in small groups, across the road to avoid crowding in front of the school
- extending school cleaning programs during the school day, including cleaning school playground equipment after use
- limiting the number of visitors attending the school, including parents.

If parents, guardians or carers wish to meet with a member of staff, please contact the school on 5145 1289 to make an appointment, or email the staff member directly.

I wish to reassure you that the safety and wellbeing of our school community will remain our highest priority with these and other provisions being made for the safety of students and staff.

I appreciate that the transition to classroom learning will be a challenging time for all and I thank all our parents, guardians, carers and the wider school community for their hard work and support.

If you require assistance or additional support, please contact St Joseph's Primary School on 5154 1289.

Yours sincerely

Marie Dodson  
Principal