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Dear parents and carers,

Re: Stage 4 restrictions at Kurunjang Secondary College

Yesterday afternoon the Victorian Government announced that, on the advice of the Victorian Chief Health Officer, Metropolitan Melbourne will move to Stage 4 restrictions to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). This includes Kurunjang Secondary College.

These requirements apply to all schools across the government, Catholic and independent sectors and across all Metropolitan Melbourne and rural and regional Victoria.

The changes to schools' operations will come into effect from Wednesday 5 August, following a Student Free Day on Tuesday 4 August, and are likely to apply until the end of Term 3.

As outlined in the Chief Health Officer's advice on Friday, schools remain safe places for staff and students – but these steps are critical measures to reduce the movement of students and families across the state.

There are implications for our school, and for families in our school community.

A summary of what the changes mean for schools is below:

For METROPOLITAN MELBOURNE (this includes Kurunjang Secondary College):

PREP TO YEAR 10

- Prep to Year 10 students will continue with remote and flexible learning.
- The criteria for students that can attend on-site has changed as follows:
 - children whose parents are permitted workers. The Victorian Government will provide further advice about this over the coming days
 - vulnerable children in Out of Home Care,
 - children with a disability who also fit one of the above two categories.

SENIOR SECONDARY YEAR 11 AND 12 (VCE, VCAL and VET)

- All Year 11 and 12 provision for both VCE, VCAL and VET will move to remote and flexible learning.
- The GAT will be rescheduled from Wednesday 9 September to Wednesday 7 October.
- The schedule for the VCE examinations and release of results will remain as previously advised.
- Further information will be provided shortly.

SPECIALIST SCHOOLS

- On-site provision in specialist schools will only be available to children whose parents are permitted workers, and vulnerable children.

TIMELINE

- Monday 3 August will be a 'normal' day of school under current arrangements, with students attending on site learning asked to take all their necessary learning materials home.
- Tuesday 4 August will be a Student-Free Day across Victoria to enable teachers, to prepare for flexible and remote learning.
- Wednesday 5 August will be the first day of new arrangements for schools across Victoria.

More information about the return to school and coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found on the Department's website, which will continue to be updated:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

I will continue to communicate with you as soon as we receive further information. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the College on 9743 9211 or email on kurunjang.sc@education.vic.gov.au.

Thank you for your continued support and patience during this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,



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