



# OXLEY

## CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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### Dear Parents / Homestay Parents,

Greetings from the College. As most will know, the Victorian Government has announced a staged return to onsite learning for its schools. The Chief Medical Officer to the Government believes it is safe for schools to reopen from May 25.

In the light of this announcement, Oxley Christian College will resume its onsite program largely in step with Government schools. Monday 25 May will be a Student Free day, meaning that teachers will be required at work for establishing various protocols to prepare for a return to onsite learning. Students in Prep to Year 2 and Years 10 to 12 will return to school on Tuesday 26 May. All other year levels will resume on Tuesday 9 June following the Queen's Birthday public holiday. This staged return will therefore require remote learning to continue for students in Years 3 to 9 until 5 June. The College will continue to operate the supervised remote learning class onsite but only for those families already registered.

In the interim, the College will prepare its buildings and site for the stringent hygiene and physical distancing measures appropriate for a school. Among other measures, this regime will include some 40 hand sanitisation stations, a focused cleaning of high use contact points and bathrooms, cleaning of tabletops and the continued use of soap, water and air driers.

Our primary concern is the safety and welfare of students and staff. To that end, we would ask that:

- Parents of Prep – Year 2 students may exit their vehicle to escort their child to the new Yellow Square area in Carpark A. Students should then walk independently to their classroom.
- Parents do not mingle with other adults and children at drop-off and collection times.
- Parents of Year 4-12 students, please stay in your vehicles during these times. Please note that Car Park A is unavailable for vehicle use during the building phase of our new Junior School. Parents may use available car parks on either side of the church building. The teardrop carpark is only to be used for access to the Administration building.
- Students must bring their own water bottles from home to avoid the use of bubble taps. Bottles can be refilled at the College.
- Students feel welcome to use their own personal protective equipment.
- Students avoid crowding around the College site and maintain physical distance from each other. Students should maintain physical distance where they line up for class and in unsupervised areas like bathrooms.
- During this term, students bring their own food to school in preference to using the College canteen. Students should, under no circumstances, share food with each other.
- Students who are unwell for any reason, should stay home until they are fully recovered.
- Families readily follow the guidance and requirements of our staff.

At this time, we understand that no family or staff member has tested positive to the virus. In the event of anyone testing positive to COVID-19, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) will advise the College on the required lockdown and cleaning procedures. The College will notify parents of any COVID-19 infections.

Our community survey conducted a few weeks back indicated an even split between families wanting an immediate return to onsite learning and those wanting a delayed return. The latter group's comments reflected the desire to follow the Government's directives to state schools. We are therefore reasonably sure that most families will welcome and participate in the return to a staged approach to onsite schooling.

On behalf of the College staff, I again extend our deep appreciation to families for bearing this burden of remote learning. We look forward to being back together albeit under some continuing restrictions.

Work has now begun on the new Junior School buildings. This exciting project will further develop Oxley Christian College as a school of choice in coming years. We are grateful to God for both His providence and protection over our community.

While this project proceeds, I appeal for your caution and consideration of others. There will be disruptions to normal school life, but the outcome will be worth our patience and the special care in using the driveways shared between vehicles and pedestrians around the site.

With warm regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas Peck". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Douglas Peck  
Principal