

Staged return to on-site schooling – Metropolitan Melbourne and rural and regional Victoria **Essential actions**

Cleaning

- High-touch surfaces at schools, such as bathrooms and door handles, to be cleaned throughout the day.

Physical distancing

- School staff and parents must follow physical distancing guidelines.

Hygiene

- Frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitiser is encouraged for all staff and students.

Health

- Anyone who feels unwell should not attend school, including staff, parents and students.

Face masks

- Face coverings are required for all people over the age of 12.
- Primary school students aged over 12 do not have to wear a face mask at school.
- Teachers and educators can choose not to wear a mask while teaching in the classroom.
- People who cannot wear a face mask because of a disability or medical condition are exempt.

Personal Protective Equipment

- Personal Protective Equipment provided to schools.

Rural and regional Victoria

(Note: As always, dates are dependent on public health advice)

Rural and regional schools will have a staggered return to school at the beginning of Term 4.

From Monday 5 October

- Specialist schools will continue with on-site learning
- Senior secondary students, including Year 10 students enrolled in VCE and VCAL subjects, can attend on site for the General Achievement Test (GAT) and essential assessments only
- Students enrolled in Prep to Grade 6 in stand-alone primary schools will return to on-site learning from Monday 5 October. Schools have the flexibility to stagger the return of year levels between Monday 5 October and Friday 9 October depending on local circumstances
- Students enrolled in Prep to Grade 6 and Years 7 to 10 in P-12 schools will continue to learn from home.



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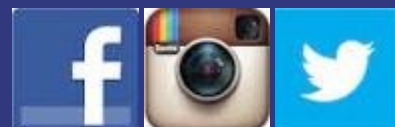
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School staff

- School staff will be required to attend school when they deliver on-site schooling or supervision, otherwise they will be working from home.
- Staff are not required to attend school if they have a medical certificate indicating they are unfit for or unable to work.
- Wellbeing support is available from the Employee Assistance Program.

Parents

- Parents should follow advice from their school on health and safety measures, including physical distancing. Parents and other visitors will have limited access to school sites.



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