



August 21, 2021

Victorian Lockdown and Remote Learning August 21 – September 2, 2021

This morning the Premier announced that regional Victoria will join metropolitan Melbourne in lockdown from 1.00pm today up to and including Thursday September 2. The Department of Education and Training has advised that:

- Monday August 23 will be a day for teachers to prepare for remote learning.
- Schools will commence Remote Learning on Tuesday August 24.
- We should plan for a return to face to face classes on Friday September 3.

Given the timing of today's announcement it is highly likely we have many students who need to collect materials from the college to use during remote learning. These students should present to the College Library between 8.30 and 10.30am on Monday morning.

Teaching and Learning Information for Students

Monday August 23

While teachers are not delivering remote learning on this day I encourage students to use the day productively. Many teachers will already have work posted in Compass which you can access.

Classes from Tuesday August 24 onwards

- These will run online according to your usual timetable, including Advisor meetings.
- A Google Meet link will be available for each of your classes in the Lesson Plan or Notes section of the class.
- You must use the Google Meet link to get online at the start of the class and a roll will be marked. Your teacher is likely to remain online for the entire class time to support you if you need it.
- The resources you need to complete work and stay up to date can be accessed online through the 'Lesson Plan' and 'Resources' and 'Learning Tasks' tabs on Compass. This includes online resources that may be available for any subject.
- As well as uploading lesson plans onto Compass teachers may also upload tasks that you need to complete and you may be required to submit these via Compass.

Internet

We know that there will be some students who cannot access the internet.

- Any student without a laptop or internet access should present to the College Library for support or contact Meredith Fettling via email or the college phone number 5443 1222 during school hours.
- The library will be open each day from 8.30am -3.30pm if you need to come in and get online in your classes or access resources.
- If you cannot come in, please try to send an email to your teachers to let them know you are unable to get online.

SACs and Essential Assessments

During our last period of remote learning teachers delayed the timing of many SACs so that they could be completed once we returned to face to face learning. In the current circumstances this is no longer feasible. At the end of Term 3 there is usually a concentration of SACs as teachers complete school based assessment and delaying SACs due to be completed over the next two weeks would place an inordinately heavy workload on students. Consequently teachers in most subjects will be delivering SACs remotely using methods the college employed in 2020 in accordance with VCAA advice. Students who we booked in to complete rescheduled SACs over the next two weeks will have their grades for these SACs derived based on previous performance and work completed in class.

Your teacher will provide you with more information about SACs for individual subjects.

The VCAA has advised schools that from August 30 students will be able to come on site in small groups and under strict health controls in order to complete 'essential assessments'. The VCAA is issuing further advice this week on the definition of 'essential assessments' but we can reasonably assume in the meantime that it includes assessment which cannot be conducted remotely and is probably of a practical nature. Once these details are available teachers will advise students who are affected.

GAT

The General Achievement Test (GAT) for all students doing a VCE Unit 3/4 subject is now scheduled for Thursday September 9.

Consideration of Educational Disadvantage (CED)

The VCAA is in the process of delivering advice to schools about the CED process which will apply this year for Year 12 students who have been adversely affected by COVID and remote learning. This appears to be similar to the 2020 process and once we have full details we will share these with students and families. In essence the process seeks to identify students who have been affected more than others by COVID, to measure the impact on their grades and allows schools to make recommendations to the VCAA which are then reflected in adjusted study scores for those students.

A Special Consideration process also applies to VCAL students.

Practical Classes including VET

- These cannot be conducted onsite so you will undertake your theory work in these classes.
- In 2020 for a period of time students were able to come on site to complete practical activities. If this is allowed under the 'essential assessments' arrangement referred to above then teachers will advise students accordingly.

Attendance

- DET requires us to keep a record of attendance so rolls will be marked for all classes and for Advisor meetings.
- MYLNS teachers and Tutors will continue to support students during the period of remote learning. Google Meets links will be posted in Compass for the students involved.

ICT support

A member of the ICT team will be available across the lockdown days to support students if you need it.

Things to remember when you are online:

- **Turn on your video even if it is just at the start of the class as this makes it much easier for your teacher to help you.**
- When you are working on any video platform, you are allowing people to see into your home or bedroom. **You should always be mindful of what is visible to others when you are online.** It is good practice to inform others in the home when you are connecting with people externally, so they too have their privacy respected.
- Students are expected to follow the college dress code; that is, students must not wear anything that could be offensive to others. Students should dress as they would for a face-to-face class when engaging in any online lesson.
- Remember that **information from, or image of, any staff member or student must never be transmitted to another person or platform.**

Student Engagement and Wellbeing Information for Students

Supervision of vulnerable students

During the period of Remote Learning, **the Victorian Government has stated that all students who can learn from home must learn from home.** Students who are unable to continue their learning at home, and who meet the following criteria, are able to access the BSSC Library between 8.30am-3.30pm each day, commencing Monday August 23.

Onsite attendance is only available to the following:

- students in out-of-home care (OoHC).
- students deemed by Child Protection and/or Family Services to be at risk of harm.
- students identified by the school as vulnerable (including via referral from a family violence agency, homelessness or youth justice service or mental health or other health service and children with a disability).
- students whose parents/carers are essential workers and the student cannot reasonably be left unsupervised.

Students who attend our site will be accessing Remote Learning materials; **they will not be receiving face-to-face teaching.** Students attending our site must follow all social distancing and hygiene requirements and must wear a mask at all times. It is imperative that a student who is unwell does NOT attend our site.

Work Placement

Work placements for students will be cancelled during remote learning.

Wellbeing support

If any student requires Wellbeing support during the lockdown period, they should email wellbeingstaff@bssc.edu.au and a member of our Wellbeing Team will make contact as soon as possible.