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Wednesday June 9, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

On behalf of our school, I want to say a big thank you to all our students, parents and carers for your continued resilience and support throughout this time. I know remote and flexible learning has not always been easy, but through our collective efforts, our students have continued to make valuable progress in their learning. You can be confident that our school will support any student who has fallen behind to catch up.

As most of you are aware, Victorian Acting Premier James Merlino, announced an easing of the lockdown of Victoria from midnight Thursday June 10. Thank you for all your support during this past week of remote and flexible learning. We were delighted to welcome back our Years 11 & 12 students on Friday June 4 and look forward to the return of our Years 7-10 students this Friday June 11. Some Year 10 students may not return as they have finished their exams.

I would like to publicly acknowledge the efforts of all staff throughout the lockdown period. They have gone over and above what anybody could reasonably expect in ensuring that our students have been supported in terms of their wellbeing and academic learning.

Important Dates for the Remainder of the Term

Friday June 11 – Year 7-12 students return onsite. Last day of Semester One.

Year 10 exams take place onsite for students who have an exam

Monday June 14 – Queens Birthday Public Holiday

Tuesday June 15 – Start of Semester 2 for all Years 7-12 students

Wednesday June 16 – Year 9 PBL Presentation Night (6.00p.m. – 7.00p.m.) via TEAMS

Friday June 18 – Student Free Day (Report Writing)

Monday June 21 – Year 12 Reflection Day 2

Tuesday June 22 – Friday June 25 - Years 7 & 8 STEAM PBL.

Friday June 25 – Last Day of Term 2

2021 General Achievement Test – to be rescheduled.

The 2021 General Achievement Test (GAT) scheduled for today, Wednesday 9 June 2021 will be rescheduled to a date to be determined. We expect this to be in coming weeks.

Parent Teacher Student Partnership Meetings

We have made the decision to shift the next round of Parent Teacher Student Partnership meetings from Thursday July 15 (Week 1) to Thursday August 12 (Week 5) of Term 3. This allows teachers in new subjects for Semester 2 more time to get to know the students and complete some assessment prior to these meetings taking place.

Face masks

Secondary school students aged 12 or older must always wear a face mask at school whilst indoors, including when attending an Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) program, unless an exception applies. Face masks are mandatory for all school students aged 12 or older when travelling to and from school.

To support the health and wellbeing of all students and staff, our school will continue an enhanced cleaning routine and will encourage frequent handwashing.

If your child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice.

These measures are aimed at giving health authorities the best opportunity to stop the spread of the virus in our community.

I hope and pray that all within our Penola Catholic College community remain safe and well. Thank you for your continued support and patience during this time.

Regards

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