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Dear parents and carers

The Victorian Government has made announcements in relation to arrangements for schools in regional Victoria.

From Friday 10 September students in Prep to Grade 2, Units 3/4 Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) students and final year Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) and International Baccalaureate (IB) students will return to face-to-face learning.

Parents in regional Victoria who are returning to work will be able to access in-home childminding for primary-school aged children and younger.

The existing remote learning program will continue for other year levels, with on-site supervision only available for those students who were previously eligible for on-site supervision. No additional students in Grades 3 to 6 or in Years 7 to 11 will be able to attend on-site.

Key health advice

- School staff must always wear a face mask indoors and outdoors at school, a lawful exception applies.
- It is recommended that children under 12 years of age and students at primary school wear face masks when at school.

The Victorian Department of Health is hosting a live webinar for young people to provide information on COVID-19 vaccines and how to support their mental health. You can join the free webinar on Tuesday 14 September, 6-7pm. Registration is via this [link](#).

Topics covered include:

- Vaccines, development and safety
- Accessing and consenting to a vaccination
- How to book an appointment
- How to support your mental health
- Q+A with the panel.

This event will be held via Microsoft Teams Live. For access information visit [Attend a live event in Teams](#).

We look forward to welcoming some classes back to face-to-face learning, and will ensure that remaining year levels undertaking remote and flexible learning continue to be supported.

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