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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all those families who have been supporting your children over the past week during lockdown. We are very fortunate not to be in the same situation as our friends and families in the Melbourne area and those impacted are in our thoughts and prayers.

The good news is that all Catherine McAuley College students can return to school tomorrow, Friday 4 June. Students will return to their normal timetable and program. We want the students back in the routine of school life as quickly as possible.

The most important change in expectation is that it is mandatory that students always carry a mask and wear it indoors. Only students who have an existing exemption or provide a medical approval in accord with the process will be allowed not to wear a mask. If seeking exemption, please refer to Year Level Learning Leaders. The mask can only be removed indoors if advised by a staff member. It is recommended that students also carry a spare mask or store one in their locker.

Students are also reminded that they are mandated to wear a mask on any buses or public transport. Please read the attached information presented by the Victorian State Government that details regional requirements. If your child does not wear a mask, or refuses to wear a mask, then they cannot attend the College. The safety of others is critical.

Please understand that the College will be instructed by the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria (CECV) and the Chief Medical Officer of Victoria guidelines outlining how the College will maintain a safe work space.

- The buses will be running as usual;
- The canteen will be running as usual;
- Students will still be accessing their lockers;
- Their learning program will not change.

Once again, I remind you that more information about the return to school and coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found on the CECV website, which will continue to be updated:

www.cecv.catholic.edu.au/Coronavirus-information-for-parents. In the near future, further advice will be presented to the College by CECV, outlining contingencies that will be in place to support students in the coming weeks.

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Regarding St Mary's students next week, with the postponement of the GAT (General Achievement Test) we have adjusted our internal dates to provide students with an additional day of revision.

Students will attend their classes as normal on Friday 4 June and Monday 7 June and will complete their examinations from Tuesday 8 June until Thursday 10 June. Our adjusted timetable for exams will be circulated to students in an email tomorrow and will be updated on our [CMC Exams Site](#).

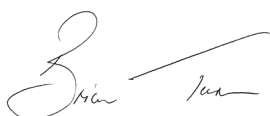
We understand that applied learning and VCAL students are planning for structured workplace learning next week. The College and potential employers will consider guidelines when they are available. If there are specific updates they will be communicated as soon as available.

We also understand that these ongoing lockdowns can cause mixed reactions and impact. Please contact the College if you have concerns about your children and their return. The more we know the better.

The most important action we can take to reduce the risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19), is to ensure that any unwell student remains at home, even with the mildest of symptoms. It is important that any student who becomes unwell while at school be immediately sent home and should be collected by a parent or carer.

Thank you for your continued support and patience, we look forward to welcoming students back to the classroom. Any changes to these arrangements will be relayed as promptly as possible.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Turner', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr Brian Turner
Principal