



**Penola**  
CATHOLIC COLLEGE  
EST. 1995

15<sup>th</sup> July, 2020

Dear Parents of Year 10, 11 and 12 VCAL students,

Based on advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, Year 10, 11 and Year 12 students undertaking VCE or VET/VCAL subjects in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire returned to school for Term 3 on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

We understand that some families may feel anxious about this return to classroom teaching and learning during these uncertain times. To support the health and wellbeing of all students and staff, Penola Catholic College will continue to implement social distancing and cleaning measures, in addition to temperature checks upon entering the College. If students are ill or is feeling unwell, or members of their household are a confirmed case of COVID-19, they have been asked not to attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice.

As VCAL classes have resumed, all students are expected to attend school as normal. For a successful completion of VCAL, 80% attendance is normally required. This attendance may be jeopardised if you choose to keep your child/children home, and it is difficult to support their learning from home via remote learning. Most importantly, VCAL assessment is competency based and therefore face-to-face attendance is essential to access the hands-on component of the coursework.

This does not apply to children who need to be absent for health or medical reasons. In circumstances where a student is absent from classes, students will be able to access learning materials and details of classwork missed on MyPenola as per our standard practices.

The deadlines listed for each task are to be adhered to for the student to satisfactorily complete the requirements of VCAL. Should a student not complete this work, he/she may not satisfactorily complete the VCAL level undertaken and may need to repeat it before moving up to the next level, for example, from Foundation to Intermediate.

Should your child need to remain home for a prolonged time due to health or medical reasons or other issues, we ask that you call Mrs Angela Xidias for Year 10 VCAL or Ms Kim Agbeti for Year 11 and 12 VCAL on the College number 93012777 to inform them of their absence. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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