

Staged return to onsite learning for schools

Updated: 17 October 2021
(Changes in yellow)

Metropolitan Melbourne

Remote and flexible learning will continue to be delivered to students on the days they are not attending onsite.

Year levels	From Monday 18 October	From and including Friday 22 October	80% fully vaccinated Indicative date: 5 November
Prep	Monday – Wednesday	Monday – Wednesday	✓
Grades 1-2	Thursday – Friday	Thursday – Friday	✓
Grades 3-4		Tuesday – Wednesday	✓
Grades 5-6		Thursday – Friday (Extra day onsite: Friday 22 Oct)	✓
Year 7		✓ (Extra days onsite: Friday 22 Oct and Monday 25 Oct)	✓
Years 8-9		Tuesday – Wednesday	✓
Year 10		Thursday – Friday (Extra day onsite: Friday 22 Oct)	✓
Year 11		✓ (Extra days onsite: Friday 22 Oct and Monday 25 Oct)	✓
Year 12 (VCE units 3/4 and final year VCAL and IB)	✓	✓	✓

Key: ✓ ✓ return to onsite five days

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Ungraded students with disability in specialist and mainstream schools return to onsite learning with their year level equivalent cohort.

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Regional Victoria

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Year levels	From Monday 11 October	From and including Friday 22 October
Prep	✓	✓
Grades 1-2	✓	✓
Grades 3-4	Tuesday – Wednesday	✓
Grades 5-6	Thursday – Friday	✓
Year 7	✓	✓
Years 8-9	Tuesday – Wednesday	✓
Year 10	Thursday – Friday	✓
Year 11	✓	✓
Year 12 (VCE units 3/4 and final year VCAL and IB)	✓	✓

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Vulnerable children and children of people on the authorised provider and authorised worker list are able to continue attending onsite. Ungraded students with disability in specialist and mainstream schools return to onsite learning with their year level equivalent cohort. If any regional LGA is returned to lockdown – all schools in that LGA will return to the metropolitan Melbourne school roadmap settings.

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Vital COVIDSafe steps

Vaccination

- Getting vaccinated is the best way to be protected from and prevent the spread of COVID-19
- All staff working in schools will be required to have received a first dose COVID-19 vaccination by 18 October and to be fully vaccinated by 29 November*

Ventilation

- All schools will continue to maximise ventilation through opening windows and doors and setting air conditioners to use outside air, where possible
- Ventilation audits and CO2 monitoring are being conducted
- A total of 51,000 air purifiers will be distributed to Victorian schools from the start of Term 4
- And all government schools and low-fee non-government schools will be able to install new shade sails to expand outdoor learning spaces

Social distancing

- Limit mixing with other year levels
- Maintain physical distancing
- Use large spaces (e.g. halls)
- Limit non-essential visitors and density limits in common areas
- Staggered start and finish times and breaks

Face masks

- **Mandatory for all adults, and students Grade 3 and above**
- Mandatory indoors and outdoors
- **Recommended for Prep to Grade 2 students**
- Make sure masks are washed regularly/ disposed correctly

Hygiene and testing

- Provide hand-washing stations
- Wash hands regularly and at key points (e.g. after using toilet)
- Get a test even with the mildest of symptoms
- Isolate until you receive your test results



*Exemptions will only be for staff with a signed medical certificate