

**Friday 22nd May 2020**

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Thank you for all your support during these past few weeks of remote and flexible learning. Now we move to a return to the new normal. **The same approach is being taken by all Catholic and government schools in Victoria:**

- *First stage*, students in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2, will return to school from **Tuesday 26th May**. To support all school staff to prepare for this transition, **Monday 25th May will be a student-free day**.
- *Second stage* of our return to onsite schooling, all other year levels- Yrs 3-6 will return to school from **Tuesday 9th June**.
- **School Entry and Exit Points will open at 8.30am for entry and 3.20pm for exit.** Physical distancing is most important between adults- please be aware when waiting at entry and exit points of the school. (see map)
- **IPADS to be returned with Children on the Tuesday (not Monday)**
- Out of School Hours Care Program (Camp Australia) operating every day (except Monday 25th May and Monday 8th June)
- Canteen to commence Monday 15th June- details to follow.

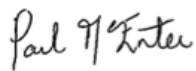
As we plan to return our students and teachers to onsite teaching and learning, it is essential we do this in a way that is sensitive to everyone's different experiences of remote and flexible learning. Some students and teachers may require different support to settle back into onsite teaching and learning; therefore, our whole-school planning reflects this. Our main focus in the coming weeks is to re-establish routines and social connections and, as always, ensure that our health and wellbeing and teaching and learning approaches are reinforcing and supportive of each other.

Parents have an important role in ensuring our plan is successful. Please support the directive regarding No Adults to enter the school grounds. The Social Story available on COMPASS and our Website is something all parents should share with their family prior to next Tuesday. As Parents, having a positive attitude regarding your child's return to school will help them with the transition from home, back to school.

Thank you for your continued support and patience during this time. We look forward to welcoming our students back to the classroom next week beginning with Grades Prep-2 next week. Let's make every effort in making the return to school an exciting and positive experience for all our community.

I did enjoy getting back on the golf course last weekend- thank you Premier Andrews !

Yours sincerely



Paul McEntee  
Principal



*Birthday wishes to all these children who celebrate their birthday this week: Bethany 6C, Adeesha 1M, Nicholas 3B, Amanda 4C, Tanish 6G, Savion 5C, Nina 3N, Liam Prep H, Qays 4C, Sahana 3B, Sanjana 3T, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!*

FROM THE VOICE DESK : **Dylan Marguccio** (School Captain Year 6 2017 )



Dylan is 15 years old and has an amazing voice and personality that has taken him to the blind auditions on The Voice . This is the adult version of The Voice so it's a great achievement for a singer so early in their career. The Voice commences this Sunday at 7.00pm and Dylan is scheduled to perform in the first week of the show- here's hoping it's Sunday night. Good Luck Dylan from all

your fans at Our Lady's. I am reliably informed that he gets a kiss from Delta- every boy's dream !



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

## Ascension

O God of earth and sky,  
as Jesus came among us in Bethlehem to raise us up to heaven,  
so today we recall his departing from us at Jerusalem to be in all places.  
Though he is hidden from our sight,  
enable us to abide in him  
by the power and grace of the Holy Spirit,  
until his mercy and grace fill your whole creation. Amen.

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## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

A number of queries have been received regards re-scheduling of dates for both the preparation evenings and the celebrations. At this stage no further information about new dates is available from the Parish until Covid restrictions are altered. Information will be shared as soon as we receive it.



## Student Entry & Exit Points



**NO ADULTS ARE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE SCHOOL SITE**

MERCY COLLEGE COBURG

# APPLICATIONS OPEN YEAR 7 2022

Contact the College on 9319 9299 or  
[registrar@mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au) to begin the  
enrolment process



If you have not applied for a place in 2020 but would  
like to make a late application, please contact the  
Registrar as applications are being finalised



## **A MESSAGE FROM MOUNT RIDLEY P – 12 COLLEGE**

Dear Year 6 families,

Due to COVID-19 restrictions we were unable to hold our Year 7 2021 information session. To assist families with making the big decision of choosing a school we have created a short 12 minute presentation. This will provide an insight into Year 7 here at Mount Ridley College.

Please click on this link <https://screencast-o-matic.com/watch/cYhhiGBPop> to view our presentation.

Further information about the College can be found on our website: [www.mountridleycollege.vic.edu.au](http://www.mountridleycollege.vic.edu.au)

If you have any questions regarding Year 7 in 2021 please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Belinda Tirant, Director of Student Engagement Strategies (Junior Years) via email:  
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