

Dear parents and carers,

It is so fantastic to welcome our Foundation students on site today.

With yesterday's announcement, I can confirm there are two changes to our current Dorset Road Map:

- The Year 5 and 6 cohort are to return for **just one extra day** face to face onsite learning this Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.
- Our indicative return date for all students Foundation to Year 6 is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

This has all been made possible thanks to parents, teachers, students and the broader Victorian community stepping up to get vaccinated in great numbers across our community.

The updated Roadmap, which is based on advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, sets out the staged return to onsite learning in Term 4. Please refer to

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/returning-to-onsite-learning>

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)	✓	✓	✓

For all schools, this means that the following arrangements will be in place:

Year level	Dates for face to face onsite learning at Dorset Primary School
Foundation	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> October Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> October Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November – Curriculum Day Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November – Melbourne Cup Day Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Indicative date all students return to full time face to face onsite learning.
Yr 1/ 2	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October

	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> October Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November – Curriculum Day Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November – Melbourne Cup Day Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Indicative date all students return to full time face to face onsite learning.
Year 3/4	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> October Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> October Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November – Curriculum Day Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November – Melbourne Cup Day Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Indicative date all students return to full time face to face onsite learning.
Year 5/6	<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b> Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> October Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November – Curriculum Day Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November – Melbourne Cup Day Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> – Indicative date all students return to full time face to face onsite learning.

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

Vulnerable children and children of parents or carers who are on the authorised provider and authorised worker list can continue attending onsite.

Big Childcare will be open for students in line with their return to onsite attendance at school. Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Curriculum Day Big Childcare will operate.

As previously communicated, students in Year 3 and above are required to wear face masks; face masks are strongly recommended for students in Foundation to Grade 2.

It is imperative that anyone who has been on the school site at any time and returns a Positive COVID test or have been a close contact must notify us immediately. Should this be the case, please email [Palma.Coppa@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Palma.Coppa@education.vic.gov.au)

Thank you again for all your support and we look very much to welcoming our students back to onsite learning full time, very soon.

Kind Regards,  
Palma Coppa