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Dear parents,

We have now received additional information from the government about a return to school in term 4 for students at St Patrick's School.

All children will now return to school on Monday 5th October, the first day after the school holidays. This is obviously a change from information sent home earlier in the week.

This change has occurred due to the government bringing forward a stage due to very low COVID numbers in regional Victoria at the moment, however if something changes over the holiday period, I will once again let you know as soon as I do.

We are certainly looking forward to having all students back on site and I hope you enjoy your school break.

On the following page please find attached the information sent to schools today from the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria (CECV). I have included all information even that for special schools, secondary schools etc. If you have children attending another school, they will get information to you regarding their start date.

Enjoy the break, & see you on the 5th October,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael McKenzie'.

Michael McKenzie

Principal

Staggered return to onsite learning for schools in regional and rural Victoria

The Victorian Government has announced that regional and rural communities will progress to the Third Step of the roadmap for reopening from 11:59pm Wednesday 16 September 2020.

Regional and rural schools will have a staggered return to school at the beginning of Term 4.

All schools will continue with current arrangements until the start of Term 4.

From Monday 5 October:

- **students enrolled in Prep to Grade 6 in standalone primary schools will return to on-site learning from Monday 5 October. Schools have the flexibility to stagger the return of year levels between Monday 5 October and Friday 9 October, depending on local circumstances.**
- specialist schools will continue with the current on-site learning.
- Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) students (including Year 10 students enrolled in VCE or VCAL programs) can attend on-site for the General Achievement Test (GAT) and essential assessments.
- students enrolled in Prep to Grade 6 and years 7 to 10 in P-12 schools will continue to learn from home.

From Monday 12 October:

- all school students, including years 7 to 10 and VCE and VCAL students will return to on-site learning. Schools have the flexibility to stagger the return of years 7 to 10 from Monday 12 October to Friday 16 October, depending on local circumstances.