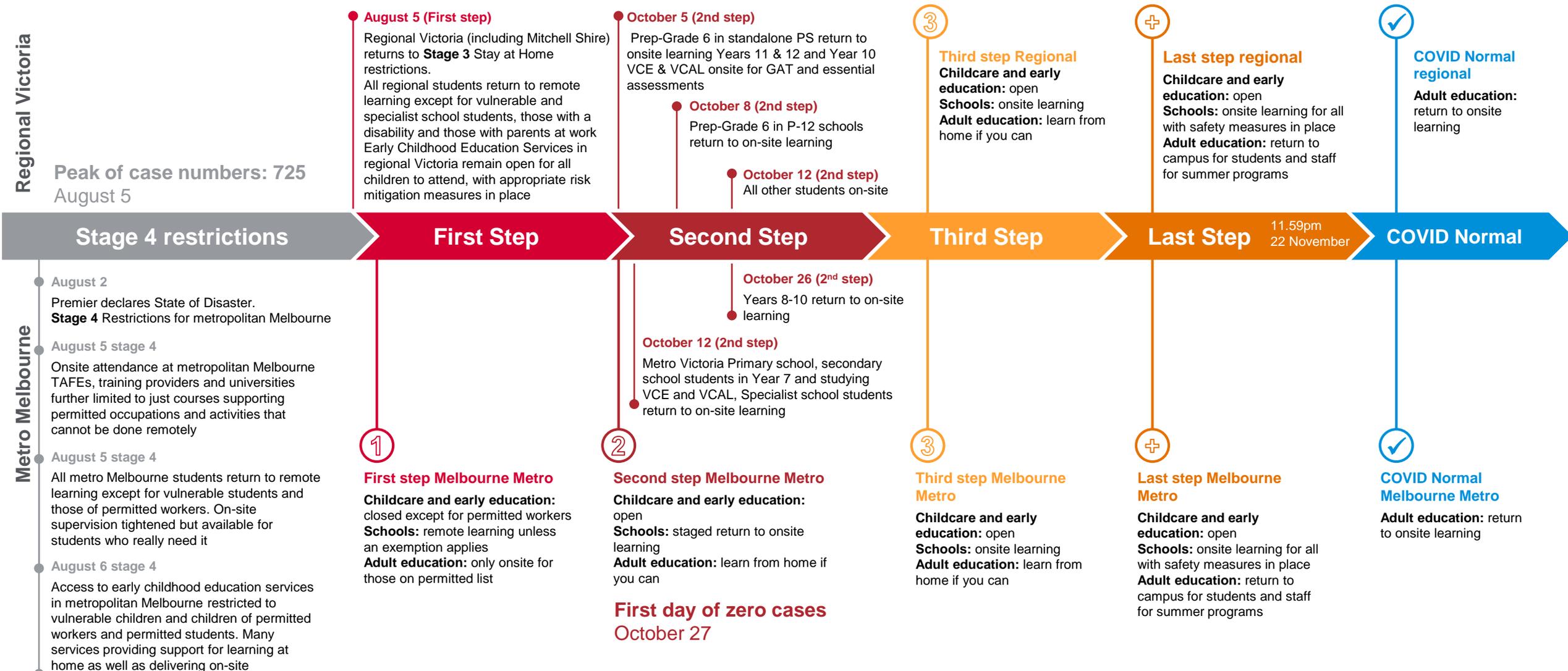


Public Accounts and Estimates Hearing – COVID-19 response

2 December 2020



Returning to remote and flexible learning



SCHOOLS – COVID-19 Response

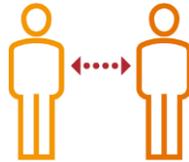
Keeping our schools safe

Essential actions keeping schools safe

- ☑ Cleaning
- ☑ Physical distancing
- ☑ Hygiene
- ☑ Health
- ☑ Masks – **2.9 million** single use masks distributed to schools across all sectors



Dedicated team within DHHS to support schools



New COVIDSafe Assurance Program to support Principals keep schools safe



50,660

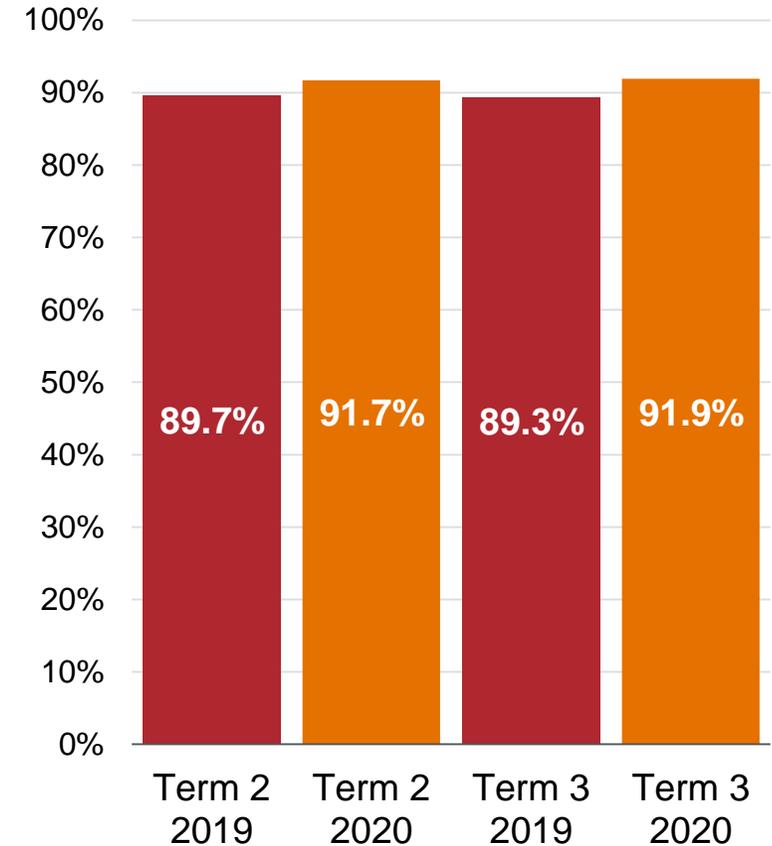
government school staff completed online infection control training by early November

60,000 litres

Alcohol-based hand sanitiser distributed to schools since the start of term 1



Student attendance



Up to **\$45 million** for enhanced cleaning in Term 4



SCHOOLS – COVID-19 Response

Supporting the wellbeing of students and staff through the pandemic

\$28.5 million

for student mental health support including:



1,500

school staff to undergo additional mental health training to support students



5,818

staff members attended dedicated wellbeing webinars



90%

of Principals received training to support the mental health of their staff

NAVIGATOR
PROGRAM

LOOKOUT

Navigator and Lookout programs expanded to keep students engaged in education

\$10 million

to expand Mental Health Practitioners program to include **85** secondary and P-12 specialist schools



15

new schools added to Mental Health in Primary Schools pilot

SCHOOLS – COVID-19 Response

Supporting VCE and VCAL students through the pandemic

83,583 

Students sitting at least one VCE exam in 2020

- Every VCE student to be individually assessed for impacts of global pandemic upon education
- Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority to introduce Consideration of Educational Disadvantage to calculate VCE scores
- Students receive results via email, the internet and a phone app from 7am, Wednesday, 30 December
- VCAL students have been given special consideration for the completion of units
- VET studies extended until 18 December to give students additional time to complete practical work

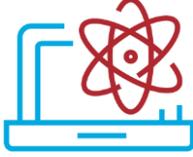


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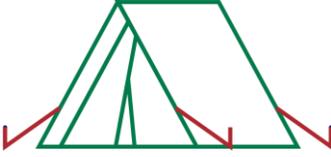
Supporting our students through recovery

\$250 million 

to deploy 4,100 tutors including **\$5.2 million** for CALD students

\$24.5 million 

so students can retain more than 71,000 digital devices

\$31.6 million 

boost for Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and State Schools Relief for school uniforms

\$7.4 million 

Programs to improve the inclusivity of learning environments for Koorie learners

Continuation of **School Breakfast Clubs** 

to ensure students could get a healthy and nutritious breakfast



EARLY CHILDHOOD – COVID-19 Response

Supporting Early Childhood Education and Care Services

Up to
\$71.7 million 
to support kindergarten
services – including free
sessional kinder in Terms 2,
3 and 4

95.7% 
of funded kindergarten
services offered Learning
From Home programs

PLUS UP TO 
\$1,500
in cleaning grants for services
with a kinder program during
Terms 2, 3 and 4


1,400
masks
provided


700
thermometers
provided



EARLY CHILDHOOD

Supporting our recovery from the pandemic

\$169.6 million

invested in Free
Kinder for 2021



Saving families around

\$2,000

in both sessional
kindergarten and
long day care



\$302 million



to continue the roll-out of our
landmark near **\$5 billion**
**decade-long Three-Year-Old
Kindergarten reforms**

\$6.2 million



in early intervention specialist
support to ensure young children
are best supported as we recover



HIGHER EDUCATION AND SKILLS

Response and towards recovery

Supporting TAFEs

\$423.8 million



support package for TAFEs and public and community-based training providers:

- Up to **\$191.9 million** for business continuity
- **\$163 million** expansion of Free TAFE with **10,000** more places
- **\$68.9 million** in crisis support

Victorian Higher Education State Investment Fund

\$350 million



To support universities with capital works, applied research and research partnerships

TAFEs teaching online

More courses delivered online, including **12** Free TAFE qualifications



Retrenched Apprentices and Trainees Program

\$875,000

to keep retrenched apprentices and trainees engaged in work and training



HIGHER EDUCATION AND SKILLS

Response and towards recovery

60,000 

extra Free TAFE places as part of an extra **80,000** training places, to support people get the training they need

\$33.2 million 

towards Big Build apprenticeships to ensure the next generation of tradies get their start on some of our biggest infrastructure projects with **1,500** apprentices supported every year

\$9.3 million 

to fund further Apprenticeship Support Officers to help apprentices complete their training

\$155.4 million

To expand access to training for those hardest hit by pandemic so they can reskill



1,000

extra places at Learn Locals



\$6.5 million

for a TAFE teacher attraction program including 200 scholarships



\$5 million

towards a dedicated fund to get more women into non-traditional trades



Education Infrastructure Investment– 2020-21 Budget

Schools

Investing a further:



\$3 billion

in school capital works

\$1.7 billion

for **218** school upgrades

\$438.6 million

to build **10** new schools

8,000

jobs created

Early Childhood

\$68.5 million

to upgrade, expand and build early learning services including:



\$30 million
for minor capital works

\$38.5 million
for Building Blocks to build, expand and create more inclusive early learning facilities.

TAFEs

\$107.6 million

Building Better TAFEs fund to upgrade and rebuild Chisholm Institute's Frankston campus and Melbourne Polytechnic's Collingwood campus



\$55 million

for maintenance projects at TAFEs

