Returning to remote and flexible learning

**Metro Melbourne**

- **May 26**
  Staged return to face-to-face learning begins. Prep to Grade 2, VCE and VCAL and specialist school students return to on-site learning after learning from home throughout Term 2.

- **June 9**
  All Victorian students return to face-to-face learning after learning from home throughout Term 2. Remote learning continued at TAFEs except for hands on settings.

- **July 8**
  Reinstatement of Stage 3 in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire.

- **July 13**
  Metro Melbourne and Mitchell Shire Year 11 and 12 students, and Specialist Schools resume face-to-face learning for Term 3. School holidays extended for other students, though access maintained for vulnerable students.

- **July 20**
  P-10 students in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire return to remote learning. On-site supervision available for students who need it including students with a disability.

- **August 2**
  Premier declares State of Disaster. Stage 4 Restrictions for metropolitan Melbourne.

- **August 5**
  All metro Melbourne students return to remote learning except for vulnerable students and those of permitted workers. On-site supervision tightened but available for students who really need it.

- **August 6**
  Access to early childhood education services in metropolitan Melbourne restricted to vulnerable children and children of permitted workers and permitted students. Many services providing support for learning at home as well as delivering on-site.

**Regional Victoria**

- **July 13**
  All students in regional Victoria (except Mitchell Shire) remain in school-based learning as Stage 3 restrictions reinstated in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire.

- **August 5**
  Regional Victoria (including Mitchell Shire) returns to Stage 3 Stay at Home restrictions. All regional students return to remote learning except for vulnerable and specialist school students, those with a disability and those with parents at work.

- **August 5**
  Early Childhood Education Services in regional Victoria remain open for all children to attend, with appropriate risk mitigation measures in place.

- **August 2**
  Onsite attendance at metropolitan Melbourne TAFEs, training providers and universities further limited to just courses supporting permitted occupations and activities that cannot be done remotely.

**Stage 2 restrictions**

- **Stage 3 restrictions**

- **Stage 4 restrictions**
SCHOOLS
Supporting the wellbeing of students and staff

$28.5 million
Student mental health support

1,500
school staff to undergo additional mental health training

15
new schools added to Mental Health in Primary Schools pilot

Navigator and Lookout programs expanded to keep students engaged in education

$9.96 million
to expand Mental Health Practitioners program to include 85 secondary and P-12 specialist schools

Tailoring

$51 million
in Employee Wellbeing and Operational Policy reforms over four years, to the current COVID-19 pandemic
Supporting VCE students through the pandemic

51,171

Students eligible to complete VCE 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
- General Achievement Test rescheduled from Wednesday, 9 September, to early October
- Term 4 extended for VCE students with exams to be held later in the year.
Learning the lessons from Learning from Home

The Learning from Home resources published on FUSE have received more than 400,000 page views.

- 96,000 computer and internet devices distributed to schools
- 675 Digital student learning events listed on Arc, DET’s new digital hub

24,000 registrations for 350 online professional learning courses

48% increase in users of DET website during pandemic compared with same period in 2019

15,797 Calls to COVID-19 hotline as of August 4

Continuation of School Breakfast Clubs
SCHOOLS
Keeping our schools safe

Essential actions keeping schools safe
- Cleaning
- Physical distancing
- Hygiene
- Health
- Face coverings – 2.9 million single use masks distributed to schools across all sectors

Announcement of daily temperature checks for school students in Term 3

6,000 non-contact infrared thermometers distributed to schools

210 school campuses have received an infectious clean

Up to $45 million for enhanced cleaning in Term 2 and Term 3

60,000 litres Alcohol-based hand sanitiser distributed to schools since the start of term 1

Percentage of students on-site under remote learning

Data from Week 5 – 10 to 14 August 2020
EARLY CHILDHOOD
Supporting Early Childhood Education and Care Services

$45 million available for free sessional kindergarten extended for Term 3

The Department has also provided:
• professional learning webinars for early childhood staff
• a repository of high-quality play-based learning activities
• additional advice and resources on a new learning from home website

Learning from home

Additional $1.6 million through School Readiness Funding program for Learning from Home programs

$5,000 or 25% of total SRF allocation for each service providing a kinder program

95.7% of funded kindergarten services offering Learning From Home programs
EARLY CHILDHOOD
Keeping services safe

$1,500 for infectious cleaning for each room where kinder program is delivered if needed – in addition to cleaning grants of $900 to $1500 offered to all services with a kinder program

1,400 masks provided
700 thermometers provided

More than 2,800 calls responded to by The Department of Education and Training’s Early Childhood Advice Line

$5 billion roll-out of three-year-old kindergarten continues
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

$55 million
TAFE maintenance works

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