

students - not complying. Trying to respect parents' request for this but also give students agency. Some students not logging in for lessons, and not responding to phone calls from school, DET having to be called in for support on this."

"As a parent of a VCE student I understand these years are to them, and the need to be on campus. However, given the current circumstances, I'm not how productive it is for students to be on campus at this time. Both students and teachers are constantly worried about the high possibilities of the virus being brought into their school communities, that it takes away from learning experience and environment, which I believe is not productive."

"The uncertainty is creating havoc in people's lives. From a parent perspective, my daughter struggled with school closure (missed connection with friends and teachers). She needs face to face support to work through some things. Although reports were done differently for semester 1, I noticed a real decline in her performance which I put down largely to school closure. I don't believe school closure is necessary or beneficial for any student (particularly those doing year 11/12 from my perspective."

"Everyone is hysterical at the moment about what's going to happen and numbers rising. Communication and lots of notice are key. If the decision is made to close schools then it should be for such a period of time so people know what's happening and are clear about how long i.e. when schools supposedly closed for all of term 2 then went back before the end of term 2 it became unsettling for everyone. I believe they should have stayed closed with the view to open in term 3."

PV will continue to work collaboratively with DET and other education stakeholders to support families and schools as we all endeavour to work together to flatten the curve.

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Attachments:

Parents Victoria submission to the Engage Victoria Inquiry - **The Education State: Lessons from Remote and Flexible Learning.**

Parents Victoria summary of the **Victorian responses** to our national organisation's (**Australian Council of State School Organisation – ACSSO**) survey results conducted in Term 2, 2020.