

Q&As

Returning to school

Can my child still learn from home?

No.

Schools can't provide remote learning once a year level has returned on-site.

It's simply not practical for teachers to run a mix of remote and face-to-face classes.

Students who need to learn from home on medical advice will be supported – but if parents or carers choose to keep kids home for other reasons, they will need to be responsible for their child's learning.

Will parents be allowed on school grounds?

No.

Parents should enter the school grounds only when absolutely essential.

Schools will also stagger drop-off and pick-up times to avoid having lots of parents being in the same place at the same time.

Will there be extra cleaning?

Yes.

Enhanced cleaning will occur every day at every government school across the state for all of Term 2 and Term 3.

This will also include the cleaning of frequently used high-touch surfaces.

Will all students return to school at the same time?

No.

Prep, Grades 1 and 2, and all VCE, VCAL and specialist school students will return Tuesday 26 May.

All other year levels will return on Tuesday 9 June.

A staggered return helps ensure that schools can manage the transition while getting everything ready for students.

Why are some year levels returning sooner?

Very young kids require more direction, guidance and support than older kids – and so learning remotely can be more challenging for these children and their families.

And we're getting VCE and VCAL students back as soon as possible to minimise disruption to university and TAFE timelines – and any other plans young people have for next year.

Will there be testing for school staff?

Yes.

All Victorian school staff will be eligible for voluntary coronavirus testing for a two-week period, including those without symptoms.

This will enable staff to get tested during the preparation period before returning to school.

Will all teachers return to school at the same time?

Yes.

All school staff will return on Monday 25 May for a pupil-free day.

This will help ensure a smooth transition to on-site learning.