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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your families are well and continue to stay safe. I would like to thank the school community for their overwhelming positive support throughout this time and anticipate your support for this coming week.

As we move towards returning to onsite learning, plans for the coming week need to be considered and adjusted accordingly to support Bacchus Marsh Grammar's unique situation. Due to the Public Health order, with forced school closure and isolation requirements, there are additional processes that need to occur which have not been part of previous return to onsite learning arrangements.

The following will be implemented for all staff and students from both the **Maddingley and Woodlea** campuses.

Tuesday 27th July

As this is Day 13 for many staff and students, and COVID testing is required by DHHS on this day, there will be no live online classes. We appreciate that families will also be tested on this day and this learning has been designed for families to have flexible access to learning according to their own circumstances.

Student learning will be provided as follows:

Prep – Year 4: Teachers will provide Choice Boards via Microsoft Teams Files for students to choose learning experiences to independently complete throughout the day.

Year 5 - 12: Teachers will post requirements on the class Schoolbox page to explain what students will need to complete for each class. All resources needed will also be uploaded onto Schoolbox.

Wednesday 28th July

All students in Year Prep – Year 12 will participate in online remote learning with their teachers as per last week's arrangements.

Thursday 29th July

It is anticipated that this day will be quite disrupted for staff and families as we await test results and further communication from DHHS regarding the safe return to onsite learning. There is also built into this some contingency time if there are any further positive results returned from the Day 13 testing. Therefore, the following will occur:

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Friday 30th July

It is anticipated that DHHS will approve some staff to be able to return onsite to each campus. To ensure that health and safety requirements are fully restored before students return onsite, this day will be a <u>Pupil Free Day</u>. No new work will be set by staff but if students would like to continue any unfinished work for classes, then they are able to do this.

All VCE students: Please ensure you are fully up to date with all classwork and homework, including reading of your English/Literature texts.

Monday 2nd August

Subject to the lifting of the current Victorian Government Covid-19 lockdown and the granting of approval from DHHS, return to onsite learning for both Woodlea and Maddingley is planned for this day.

I would like to again thank our students, staff and wider School Community for their perseverance, patience and understanding as we move through this challenging time. We have been overwhelmed by your messages of support and the positive way we have worked through this as a community.

If you have any further questions about arrangements for next week, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Kind regards,

Mr Andrew A. Neal - Principal