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Catholic Education Melbourne – Term 3 commencement arrangements

Catholic Education Melbourne supports the arrangements announced by the State Government for schools in the Melbourne metropolitan area and Mitchell Shire yesterday.

Catholic schools will open for the start of Term 3 as usual for Years 11 and 12, and for Year 10 students for the VCE component of their studies. Specialist schools will operate as normal.

School holidays will be extended by one week for all other students.

Teachers will return to schools from next week and will provide a supervised program for students who cannot be supervised at home, and for vulnerable children.

'This is a challenging time and it is vital we all play our part in minimising the risk of COVID-19 spreading further in our community', Catholic Education Melbourne Executive Director Jim Miles said.

'We will continue to actively monitor developments and work closely with the Victorian Departments of Education and Training (DET) and Health and Human Services (DHHS) to ensure school practices reflect current advice.

'I also take this opportunity to remind any parents or carers who are experiencing financial hardship as a result of COVID-19 to discuss fee relief with their school', Mr Miles said.

More information about Term 3 arrangements for Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne and COVID-19 can be found on the Catholic Education Melbourne <u>website</u>.

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