

Dear parents/carers

As we enter the final stages of remote flexible learning and can finally see light at the end of the tunnel I thought it appropriate to begin with a quote that reflects our journey.

“And once the storm is over, you won’t remember how you made it through, how you managed to survive. You won’t even be sure whether the storm is really over. But one thing is certain. When you come out of the storm, you won’t be the same person who walked in. That’s what this storm’s all about.”– Haruki Murakami

Although Covid-19 has presented our community with many challenges; at a personal level, professional level and technical level, we have met them head on and overcome them. Whilst the challenges have, at times, been different for everyone they have also been similar, which has allowed us to collaborate and share experiences to ensure our students, your children, have received the best possible support.

The pandemic has changed the way we go about our daily lives and it has changed the way we communicate. The level of communication between school staff, students and parents/carers has increased significantly through the use of XUNO, Webex (for Year 12 students), telephone calls, the CSC Website and the CSC Facebook page. The school community has embraced the increase in trilateral communication and staff of Casterton Secondary College will continue to communicate via the mediums mentioned above, when all students have returned to on-site learning from the 9th June.

XUNO is used to showcase news items and calendar events to assist you with planning and keeping up to date with what is happening at the College.

The XUNO parent portal allows you to have immediate access to your children’s information. Information available to you includes your child’s timetable and attendance in classes, student reports and unexplained absences. The system includes up to date news items and information, greater breakdown of attendance and access to your child’s achievements and behavioural incidents.

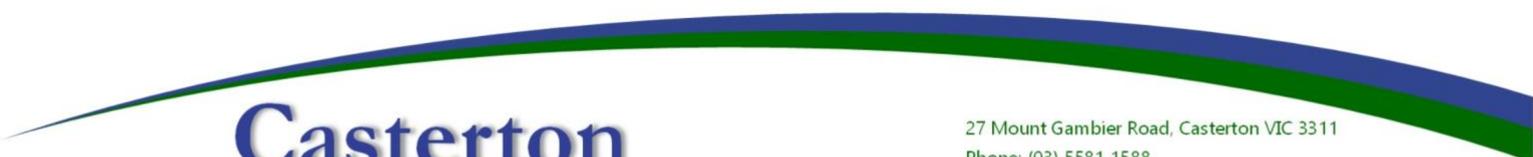
XUNO will also be used to make bookings for interviews before parent/teacher interviews.

Through XUNO, you can track your children’s progress and provide support at home with tasks and ensure they remain on track to complete work by the due date.

On behalf of staff, I thank parents/carers who have been responsive to communications from the school. The partnership between home and school is critical to improving student outcomes.

KEY DATES

- **Monday 25th May – Pupil Free Day.**
- **ALL Year 11/12 students return on Tuesday 26th May**
- **VCAL students will be at school on Tuesday 26th May and will resume placements as per instructions from Mrs Fidler, who has contacted employers.**
- **VCAL students will attend HDSC from Friday 29th May**
- **Year 7-10 students return Tuesday 9th June (Monday 8th June – Queen’s birthday holiday)**



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I have attached the **Parent/Carer – Return to School, Operational Guidelines** which provides you with a comprehensive set of information about the procedures that will be in place to support your children's safe return to on-site learning.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the relevant person.

“Is the storm really over”? Who knows? But one thing is certain – we will adapt and continue to grow stronger as a community.

Take care and warmest regards
Meridith