

Are VCE students likely to get back to school in some capacity - small groups, staggered entry, social distancing for desks?
This would depend on the advice received from the Victorian Government and Catholic Education. Any form of return is possible, but this will on the advice received.
What is happening also in regard to the GAT will this happen this year ?
The GAT will occur later in the year and will be as rigorous as in former years. As usual, the GAT is integral to statistical moderation. The date has not yet been advised by VCAA, but there are indications that this could occur in term 4
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Are students able to attend school to complete sacs while practising social distance etc? would be fairer to all students
Small groups of students can attend school, however, the instruction has been to focus on the practical subjects. In any case where students do come in there will be no more than 10 in a room. We do have to make sure all students are able to get here and if they don't have transport home they will need to stay for an entire day.
Cheating has been raised as a concern for SACs online by some of the students - how can school ensure this doesn't occur - would be easy to have notes behind a computer.
Teachers have reviewed the questions in SAC tasks and we have moved and changed answers to be more application of knowledge (for example applying knowledge to a case study) rather than content (eg: definitions, multiple choice).
How will teachers know if students are using texts or notes in SACS if at home?
SACs are being written to be accommodating for open book assessment, so using notes will be part of the task.
Some teachers will use the option of an open book test, which means that students need to show their knowledge and skills, not their content knowledge. We also have a strict system of following up on any breaches which will have quite severe implications for any student that is found to be in breach of a SAC.
Whilst any return to school will be guided by Government direction and medical advice, is there any consideration of year 12 students potentially returning ahead of students from other year levels?
Nothing has been proposed yet. We are awaiting guidance from the State Government and the Catholic Education Office at this stage. We are mindful of the need to support our Year 12 students and all they can do at the moment is tap into the teachers and resources at their disposal until we can get them back here.
Would it be possible for teachers to also email parents to advise of dates and times particularly for sacs or other assessment tasks just so we can also be aware without relying on the student to pass the information on?
All SACs are listed in SIMON so parents/carers have full access to the information via PAM.
Ok thank you. I'm in Pam as we speak. Whereabouts are they listed?
The most likely reason for this would be that all SAC dates are in the process of being approved. After the approval they will be put onto PAM. The reason we need to approve them first is to ensure they are ok and that the students are not overwhelmed with too many at a time.
The information has been very reassuring and is obviously a lot of work on your behalf. Thank you!
Dates for end of year exams? When likely to be confirmed?
Still no answer on this one from VCAA - we will let you know as soon as we know this. In any event, the dates are usually only advised in May, so there is no delay yet in knowledge of dates. You can also continue to monitor the VCAA website.

