

Public Accounts and Estimates Hearing – COVID-19 response

25 August 2020



Returning to remote and flexible learning

Regional Victoria



July 13

All students in regional Victoria (except Mitchell Shire) remain in school-based learning as Stage 3 restrictions reinstated in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire



August 5

Regional Victoria (including Mitchell Shire) returns to Stage 3 Stay at Home restrictions. All regional students return to remote learning except for vulnerable and specialist school students, those with a disability and those with parents at work



August 5

Early Childhood Education Services in regional Victoria remain open for all children to attend, with appropriate risk mitigation measures in place

Stage 2 restrictions

Stage 3 restrictions

Stage 4 restrictions

Metro Melbourne



June 9

All Victorian students return to face-to-face learning after learning from home throughout Term 2. Remote learning continued at TAFEs except for hands on settings



May 26

Staged return to face-to-face learning begins. Prep to Grade 2, VCE and VCAL and specialist school students return to on-site learning after learning from home throughout Term 2



July 20

P-10 students in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire return to remote learning. On-site supervision available for students who need it including students with a disability



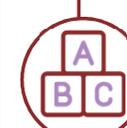
July 13

Metro Melbourne and Mitchell Shire Year 11 and 12 students, and Specialist Schools resume face-to-face learning for Term 3. School holidays extended for other students, though access maintained for vulnerable students



July 8

Reinstatement of Stage 3 in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire



August 6

Access to early childhood education services in metropolitan Melbourne restricted to vulnerable children and children of permitted workers and permitted students. Many services providing support for learning at home as well as delivering on-site



August 5

All metro Melbourne students return to remote learning except for vulnerable students and those of permitted workers. On-site supervision tightened but available for students who really need it



August 5

Onsite attendance at metropolitan Melbourne TAFEs, training providers and universities further limited to just courses supporting permitted occupations and activities that cannot be done remotely



August 2

Premier declares State of Disaster. Stage 4 Restrictions for metropolitan Melbourne

SCHOOLS

Supporting the wellbeing of students and staff

\$28.5 million 
Student mental health support

1,500 
school staff to undergo
additional mental
health training

15 
new schools added to
Mental Health in
Primary Schools pilot

NAVIGATOR
PROGRAM **LOOKOUT**

Navigator and Lookout programs
expanded to keep students
engaged in education

\$9.96 million 
to expand Mental Health
Practitioners program to
include **85** secondary and
P-12 specialist schools

Tailoring
\$51 million 
in Employee Wellbeing and
Operational Policy reforms
over four years, to the
current COVID-19 pandemic

SCHOOLS

Supporting VCE students through the pandemic

51,171 

Students eligible to complete VCE in 2020

- Every VCE student to be individually assessed for impacts of global pandemic upon education
- Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority to introduce Consideration of Educational Disadvantage to calculate VCE scores
- General Achievement Test rescheduled from Wednesday, 9 September, to early October
- Term 4 extended for VCE students with exams to be held later in the year.



SCHOOLS

Learning the lessons from Learning from Home

The Learning from Home resources published on FUSE have received more than

400,000  page views


96,000
computer and internet devices distributed to schools


675
Digital student learning events listed on Arc, DET's new digital hub

Continuation of **School Breakfast Clubs** 

24,000 
registrations for **350** online professional learning courses

48% 
increase in users of DET website during pandemic compared with same period in 2019

15,797 
Calls to COVID-19 hotline as of August 4



SCHOOLS

Keeping our schools safe

Essential actions keeping schools safe

- ☑ Cleaning
- ☑ Physical distancing
- ☑ Hygiene
- ☑ Health
- ☑ Face coverings – 2.9 million single use masks distributed to schools across all sectors

Announcement of daily temperature checks for school students in Term 3

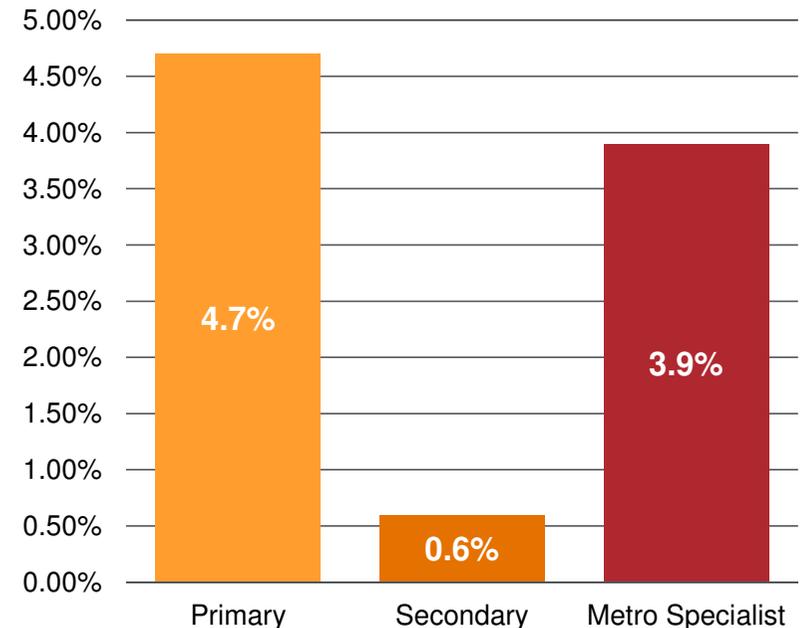
6,000 
non-contact infrared thermometers distributed to schools

210 
school campuses have received an infectious clean

60,000 litres 
Alcohol-based hand sanitiser distributed to schools since the start of term 1

Up to **\$45 million** 
for enhanced cleaning in Term 2 and Term 3

Percentage of students on-site under remote learning



Data from Week 5 – 10 to 14 August 2020

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Supporting Early Childhood Education and Care Services

\$45 million 

available for free sessional kindergarten extended for Term 3

The Department has also provided:

- professional learning webinars for early childhood staff
- a repository of high-quality play-based learning activities
- additional advice and resources on a new learning from home website

Learning from home

Additional **\$1.6** million 

through School Readiness Funding program for Learning from Home programs

\$5,000 

or **25%** of total SRF allocation for each service providing a kinder program

95.7% 

of funded kindergarten services offering Learning From Home programs



EARLY CHILDHOOD

Keeping services safe

\$1,500 

for infectious cleaning for each room where kinder program is delivered if needed – in addition to cleaning grants of **\$900** to **\$1500** offered to all services with a kinder program

1,400 
masks provided

700 
thermometers provided

More than

2,800 calls 

responded to by The Department of Education and Training's Early Childhood Advice Line

\$5 billion 

roll-out of three-year-old kindergarten continues



HIGHER EDUCATION AND SKILLS

Response and Towards Recovery

Supporting TAFEs

\$423.8 million 

support package for TAFEs and public and community-based training providers:

- Up to **\$191.9 million** for business continuity
- **\$163 million** expansion of Free TAFE with **10,000** more places
- **\$68.9 million** in crisis support

Victorian Higher Education State Investment Fund



\$350 million

To support universities with capital works, applied research and research partnerships



\$55 million

TAFE maintenance works

TAFEs teaching online



More courses delivered online, including **12** Free TAFE qualifications

Retrenched Apprentices and Trainees Program

\$875,000



to keep retrenched apprentices and trainees engaged in work and training

