



Darul Ulum College of Victoria

2 September 2021

Assalamu Alaikum Wr. Wb.

Dear Parents,

Extended restrictions for Victoria

Due to the ongoing level of community transmission of COVID-19, the Victorian Government has announced the current restrictions in place across Victoria will be extended. This means remote and flexible learning will continue in all Victorian schools until the end of Term 3. Any update or change to this will be communicated through the return to onsite learning plan that will be released next week.

This means remote and flexible learning will continue in all Victorian schools until the end of Term 3. There are no changes to the current operational settings in schools or the categories of students who can attend on-site.

You may refer to the exact criteria defining vulnerable students who will be approved for onsite learning in the following link:

<https://www.dulum.vic.edu.au/Publications/Downloads/Covid%20Safe%20Directives%2019%20August.pdf>

Remote classes will continue to run till the end of this term Insha'Allah. The parent/teacher interviews will also be conducted online, details of which will be communicated soon.

Vaccination blitz

To help support the safe conduct of end-of-year exams, the Victorian Government today announced a vaccination blitz for **final year** school students, their teachers and for VCE exam supervisors and assessors that support final year school students.

The blitz will begin on 7 September and continue until 17 September. During the blitz, final year students, their teachers and VCE exam supervisors and assessors will have access to priority timeslots to attend their vaccination appointment at a vaccination centre.

Final year students, their teachers and VCE exam supervisors and assessors will also be able to book their first and second doses via a dedicated appointment booking hotline.

These additional pathways will help support a faster booking process and minimise absence for students during their schooling hours.

The Department of Health will release details of the dedicated phone number and session information on Friday, September 3.

Please refer to an information pack pertaining to the vaccines produced by the Department of Education and Training in the link below:

https://www.dulum.vic.edu.au/Publications/Downloads/students_vaccine_stakeholder_pack2sept.pdf

COVID-19 and Vaccination – Your questions answered webinar

The Victorian Department of Health is hosting a live webinar for final year high school students, their families and educators to provide information on COVID-19 vaccination. You can join the free webinar on Friday 3 September, 4.00-5.00pm via this [link](#) (no need to register).

Topics covered include:

- Vaccines, development and safety
- Accessing and consenting to a vaccination
- How to book an appointment
- Q+A with the panel.

This event will be held via Microsoft Teams Live. For access information, visit [Attend a live event in Teams](#).

General Achievement Test (GAT) and VCE Examinations

The Victorian Government also announced that the following will be conducted with the health and safety controls in place -

- The General Achievement Test (GAT) has been rescheduled and will take place on **Tuesday, 5 October 2021**
- Final VCE examinations will take place on **4 October – 17 November 2021**

Further information on the GAT and VCE examinations will be provided directly by the VCAA.

I trust our school community will ensure we do the right thing at this time, by complying with the restrictions in place and making careful and supportive decisions that limit movement through the community.

May Allah reward you for your cooperation.

Wassalam,
Abdurrahman Gokler
Principal