# Public Accounts and Estimates Hearing – COVID-19 response 2 December 2020







## Returning to remote and flexible learning

Peak of case numbers: 725 August 5

Stage 4 Restrictions for metropolitan Melbourne

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 5 stage 4

All metro Melbourne students return to remote students who really need it

in metropolitan Melbourne restricted to vulnerable children and children of permitted workers and permitted students. Many services providing support for learning at

#### August 5 (First step)

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

#### October 5 (2nd step)

Prep-Grade 6 in standalone PS return to onsite learning Years 11 & 12 and Year 10 VCE & VCAL onsite for GAT and essential assessments

#### October 8 (2nd step)

Prep-Grade 6 in P-12 schools return to on-site learning

> October 12 (2nd step) All other students on-site

#### Third step Regional Childcare and early

education: open Schools: onsite learning Adult education: learn from

home if you can

**Third Step** 



#### Last step regional

Childcare and early education: open Schools: onsite learning for all

Last Step

with safety measures in place Adult education: return to campus for students and staff for summer programs

11.59pm

22 November



#### **COVID Normal** regional

Adult education: return to onsite learning

**COVID Normal** 

### Stage 4 restrictions

#### August 2

Premier declares State of Disaster.

#### August 5 stage 4

learning except for vulnerable students and those of permitted workers. On-site supervision tightened but available for

#### August 6 stage 4

Access to early childhood education services home as well as delivering on-site

### First Step

First step Melbourne Metro

Childcare and early education:

Schools: remote learning unless

Adult education: only onsite for

an exemption applies

those on permitted list

closed except for permitted workers

### **Second Step**

#### October 26 (2<sup>nd</sup> step)

Years 8-10 return to on-site learning

#### October 12 (2nd step)

Metro Victoria Primary school, secondary school students in Year 7 and studying VCE and VCAL, Specialist school students return to on-site learning



### Second step Melbourne Metro

Childcare and early education: open

**Schools:** staged return to onsite

Adult education: learn from home if

vou can

#### First day of zero cases October 27



#### **Third step Melbourne** Metro

Childcare and early education: open Schools: onsite learning Adult education: learn from home if you can



#### Last step Melbourne Metro

Childcare and early education: open Schools: onsite learning for all with safety measures in place Adult education: return to campus for students and staff

for summer programs



#### **COVID Normal Melbourne Metro**

Adult education: return to onsite learning





Education and Training

# SCHOOLS – COVID-19 Response Keeping our schools safe

## Essential actions keeping schools safe

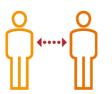
- Cleaning
- Physical distancing
- Hygiene
- Masks − 2.9 million single use masks distributed to schools across all sectors

\$45 million for enhanced cleaning in Term 4





Dedicated team within DHHS to support schools



New COVIDSafe Assurance Program to support Principals keep schools safe

50,660



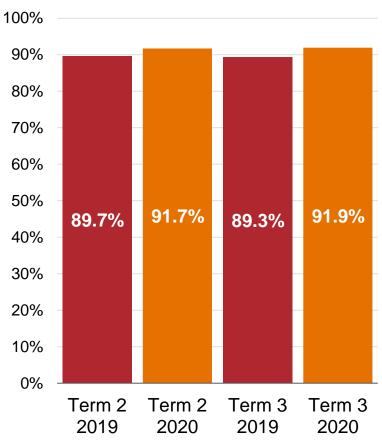
government school staff completed online infection control training by early November

**60,000** litres

Alcohol-based hand sanitiser distributed to schools since the start of term 1



### **Student attendance**



## SCHOOLS – COVID-19 Response Supporting the wellbeing of students and staff through the pandemic

\$28.5 million

for student mental health support including:

1,500 school staff to undergo additional mental health training to support students

5,818
staff members
attended dedicated
wellbeing webinars

of Principal's received training to support the mental health of their staff



LOOKOUT

Navigator and Lookout programs expanded to keep students engaged in education

\$10 million

to expand Mental Health
Practitioners program to
include 85 secondary and
P-12 specialist schools



new schools added to Mental Health in

Primary Schools pilot





## SCHOOLS – COVID-19 Response Supporting VCE and VCAL students through the pandemic

**83,583** 何



### Students sitting at least one VCE exam 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
- Students receive results via email, the internet and a phone app from 7am, Wednesday, 30 December
- VCAL students have been given special consideration for the completion of units
- VET studies extended until 18 December to give students additional time to complete practical work







# SCHOOLS – COVID-19 Response Supporting our students through recovery

\$250 million to deploy 4,100 tutors including \$5.2 million for CALD students

\$24.5 million so students can retain more than 71,000 digital devices

\$31\_6 million
boost for Camps, Sports
and Excursions Fund and State
Schools Relief for school uniforms

\$7.4 million (MM)

Programs to improve the inclusivity of learning environments for Koorie learners

School
Breakfast Clubs

to ensure students could get a healthy and nutritious breakfast







## EARLY CHILDHOOD – COVID-19 Response

## **Supporting Early Childhood Education and Care Services**

to support kindergarten services – including free sessional kinder in Terms 2, 3 and 4

95.7%

of funded kindergarten services offered Learning From Home programs \$1,500 **PLUS UP TO** 

in cleaning grants for services with a kinder program during Terms 2, 3 and 4



1,400 masks provided



**700** thermometers provided







## **EARLY CHILDHOOD**

## Supporting our recovery from the pandemic

\$169.6 million invested in Free Kinder for 2021

Saving families around

\$2,000 in both sessional kindergarten and long day care \$302 million WE

to continue the roll-out of our landmark near \$5 billion decade-long Three-Year-Old Kindergarten reforms

\$6.2 million MM

in early intervention specialist support to ensure young children are best supported as we recover







# 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

## **TAFEs teaching online**

More courses delivered online, including 12 Free



## Retrenched Apprentices and Trainees Program

\$875,000 to keep retrenched apprentices and

trainees engaged in work and training





# HIGHER EDUCATION AND SKILLS Response and towards recovery

60,000



extra Free TAFE places as part of an extra 80,000 training places, to support people get the training they need

\$155.4 million

To expand access to training for those hardest hit by pandemic so they can reskill

\$33.2 million

towards Big Build apprenticeships to ensure the next generation of tradies get their start on some of our biggest infrastructure projects with 1,500 apprentices supported every year

1,000 extra places at Learn Locals

\$6.5 million for a TAFE teacher attraction program including 200 scholarships

to fund further Apprenticeship Support Officers to help apprentices complete their

\$5 million

training

towards a dedicated fund to get more women into non-traditional trades





## **Education Infrastructure Investment- 2020-21 Budget**

**Schools** 

Investing a further:



\$3 billion

in school capital works

\$1.7 billion for 218 school upgrades

\$438.6 million to build 10 new schools

8,000 jobs created

**Early Childhood** 

\$68.5 million



to upgrade, expand and build early learning services including:

\$30 million for minor capital works

for Building Blocks to build, expand and create more inclusive early learning facilities.

**TAFEs** 

\$107.6 million

Building Better TAFEs fund to upgrade and rebuild Chisholm Institute's Frankston campus and Melbourne Polytechnic's Collingwood campus \$55 million for maintenance projects at TAFEs





