

# VICTORIA PARK HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parents

The Grade 12 learners have all been back at school, daily, for a while now. This certainly has played a big role in getting the Matrics ready for their end of year external examinations. To daily accommodate all the Matrics and stay as COVID safe as is humanly possible, we have made good use of both halls for the teaching of big groups. The halls are in use every period of the day.

The school, and specifically the teachers, would love to have all the Grade 8 - 11 learners back daily, too. This would make lesson preparation easier, keep a uniform standard and have everyone in their subject progressing at the same pace.

Unfortunately, we do not have the physical space in classrooms to be able to have all learners back together, without going against the COVID protocol and the restrictions regarding numbers per venue. The law of the land stipulates that numbers per room may not exceed 50% of the capacity of that venue. Added to that is the issue of potentially becoming a “super spreader” if social distancing is not adhered to. Teachers and parents could be put at risk by learners carrying the virus, despite being asymptomatic themselves.

It is vital that I warn learners that their “day at home” is NOT a holiday. Learners are to do the work set by the teachers and/or consolidate the work taught on the previous day. For good results this is going to be essential!

We will keep monitoring the situation in the country and move towards “normal” schooling as soon as the law and the risks involved allow us. The health and safety of all Victorians remains our ongoing goal.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M J Vermaak', written in a cursive style.

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