

VICTORIA PARK HIGH SCHOOL



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RETURN TO SCHOOL : MONDAY 24 AUGUST 2020

Dear Parents

I am writing to confirm that attending school from Monday 24 August 2020 is very important to the success of your son/daughter. As detailed in the correspondence of Monday 17 August, attendance will be on alternate days, as per the group learners have been allocated to.

As is known, there was a protest by Black Learners of the school on Tuesday 11 August 2020 where there are allegations of racial bias and insensitivity. A memorandum was emailed to the school which detailed certain concerns and demands have been made in this regard. The school has agreed to do an investigation and has undertaken to implement a plan of action to properly address the concerns and constitute a Transformation Task Team.

Unfortunately, despite the school being open to a call for change, not all proper procedures were followed. Learners are reminded to adhere to the school policy on social media, as can be seen on page 13 of the Code of Contact in the school diary. We are highlighting this to protect all Victorians.

During this time of investigating the concerns which were brought to our attention, learners must adhere to the discipline rules in the Code of Conduct, which are still intact.

Conservative "civvies" are still to be worn, but rules of neatness remain in place. Learners are to be neatly attired and shaved. Boys' hair may, until further notice, be worn longer. Hair may not be cut into any fashionable styles.

The school day is to run normally as learners have rights to unimpeded study. The academic progress of every learner is paramount. It is important that all learners feel safe and free from intimidation.

Yours sincerely

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

M J Vermaak
Principal
21 August 2020