

# VICTORIA PARK HIGH SCHOOL



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## COVID 19 NEWSLETTER X – Presidential closure of schools

Dear Parents

The President has announced the closure of all South African public schools from 27 July 2020 until the 24 August 2020. This is to limit the effect of the expected peak in COVID-19 infections. The Grade 12's and the teachers, however, will be returning to school after a week.

Here are the plans for Victorians as a result of the above directive:

1. The school will be closed for the first week from Monday 27 July until Friday 31 July. The online programme will not be operational during this time.
2. **ALL Grade 12 learners** and teachers are to return to school on Monday 3 August. We will be running from Day 4 of the academic timetable. For the time that the rest of the Grades are away from school all the Grade 12's (not in groups 1 and 2) will attend school daily to gain the maximum benefit of teaching time, preparing for the trial examinations. We have tabled plans for observing the necessary social distancing.
3. The online programme for Grades 8 – 11 will resume on Monday 3 August, coinciding with the Grade 12 return to school. We will be following the school's 12 day academic timetable, starting from Day 4. Teachers will be available to be contacted at the times they would have been teaching your son/daughter, as per timetable. These times will be available on the VPHS Website.
4. Grades 8 – 11 will return to school on Monday 24 August, as per Presidential directive.
5. A revised test timetable will be implemented as soon as we all get back to school.
6. Monday 10 August is a public holiday celebrating National Women's Day.

If instructions are received from the department affecting any of the above, you will be informed. No communication will mean that we stick to the above arrangements.

My wish is that all our Victorians and their families stay safe and healthy. Academically we will be ready for the demands of the revised syllabi and will confidently face the end of year assessments.

**Yours sincerely**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M J Vermaak'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'M' that loops back.

**M J Vermaak**

**Principal**

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