

VICTORIA PARK HIGH SCHOOL



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COVID 19 NEWSLETTER: BACK TO SCHOOL III

Dear Parents

For the past three days, we have been back teaching our Matriculants. What a pleasure it has been hearing the sounds of excited children back at school.

The great majority of learners have expressed their joy at being able to receive face to face teaching again. The interaction between teachers and learners is appreciated, now, more than ever before.

The return to school has gone well! Everyone goes through a thorough screening upon arrival at school daily. The school is using a cellphone App for learners to personally answer the standard screening questions. For anyone reporting any ailment there is a quarantine room, where parental contact is initiated and an informed decision is made with respect to the necessary protocol.

At the orientation session an outside medical specialist educated the learners on the virus, its behaviour and characteristics and the necessary safety measures to be taken. Initially it took a while for learners to get into the habit of strict social distancing, but as we work with them things have improved dramatically.

Lessons with masks on have been so different. Facial expressions, quizzical looks, smiles of understanding and much more have been missed, but teachers are adapting quickly as the new normal takes over. The small class sizes have enabled teachers to offer more personal attention and a lot more content has been able to be shared daily. After these intensive lessons, pupils go home to consolidate their learning on their day at home. Studious learners have been making good use of this opportunity.

While Matriculants are being taught at school the rest of our learners have carried on their off-site education. I would like to encourage parents to keep an eye on the children and check that they are covering the work daily, submitting any work asked for and, in so doing, be ready to complete their academic year successfully. It is, understandably, difficult to stay motivated.

We are eager to welcome back our other grades safely and wish everyone well for the very trying times we are being forced to adapt to.

Yours sincerely

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

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