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## Catholic schools in greater Melbourne to welcome P-10 students back on Friday

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) in the greater Melbourne area will welcome Years P-10 students back to onsite learning on Friday (11/6/21) following two weeks of remote and flexible learning.

Executive Director Jim Miles said today's advice from Acting Premier James Merlino and the Department of Health that all Catholic schools can now re-open to full capacity is welcome news.

'We know that students learn best when they are at school with their teachers and classmates,' he said.

'The return to the classroom will also be a boost to students' wellbeing as they reconnect with friends, teachers and school routines.

'Schools will monitor the impact of the lockdown period on students and provide additional support for any who may have fallen behind or be struggling emotionally.

'I again congratulate and thank our principals, teachers, and staff for the incredible work they have done to support the learning continuity and wellbeing of their students.

'I also wish to acknowledge and thank our families, in particular for the efforts taken by parents and caregivers to support children to learn from home,' Mr Miles said.

The P-10 students join regional Victorian students and Years 11 and 12 students who returned to school last Friday.

More than 155,000 students (1 in 5) attend one of 333 Catholic schools across the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

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