



Michael Mount **Waldorf** School

Nurturing conscious, creative, independent thinkers

20 August 2020

Dear Michael Mount Community

It feels good to share some encouraging news as we navigate our way through these challenging times. Last week the school was inspected by officials from the Department of Labour and found to be COVID-19 compliant. In fact, the inspectors complimented us on implementing a successful phasing plan for the whole school and were impressed by our thorough adherence to protocols. Thank you to our COVID compliance team which monitors our status on a daily basis and to everyone for your support and co-operation. This positive feedback is due to our collective effort as a community consciously working together to ensure safety for all.

There are further positive developments unfolding this term.

Class 9 and 10 returning to class full-time

With the matrics starting prelims, it is now possible to phase Class 9 and 10 students back into the classroom full-time from Monday, 31st August. Class 9 students will remain in the Steiner Centre and the 10s can be “bubbled” in the high school classrooms that are freed up by the matrics. Please check the revised schedule for Class 9 and 10 start and end times.

Sport lessons during the day

We are permitted to hold sports lessons on the field. This is a most welcome concession as children need the fresh air and exercise. We'll be adhering to protocols of course, with the children socially distanced on the field and the sports teachers will tailor their lessons accordingly.

Extra mural fitness training

Using the space on the field and basketball courts, we can offer sports-specific fitness training after school for soccer and basketball. These lessons will cater for 10 children at a time and will be scheduled by prior arrangement with the relevant coach. All protocols will be followed. No tournaments or matches are permitted for contact reasons. See attached sport fitness timetable.

Class 11 individual project presentations

This highlight of the school calendar takes on a new format this year in line with COVID regulations. Students will present their projects in the auditorium on the 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th September from 3pm to 6pm. Only the 10 students presenting that day and their parents, mentors and guardians are permitted in the auditorium. No exceptions will be made. The speeches will be live-streamed and a link will be provided. Attached is the programme of speakers and their topics.



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COVID protocols remain in place

Level 2 has brought no changes to regulations for schools. We remain bound to the numbers allowed on campus and will keep you informed if there are any changes to the status quo.

School dates to note

School will be closing for the Spring holidays on Friday, 18th September. Term 4 will commence as scheduled on Monday, 5th October. At the moment we do not have an end of year closing date, nor do we have a date for the start of the 2021 school year. These dates will be announced as soon as we have confirmed the IEB matric calendar.

Thank you all, once again, for your patience and adaptability throughout this very different school year. It is inspiring to be connected through mutual support and kindness despite the physical distancing that we are enduring.

Yours sincerely,

William Bester

Administrator

Attachments

Term 3 revised schedule wef 31 August 2020

Sport timetable – Term 3 final

Class 11 individual project presentations programme, 7 – 10 September 2020