



Thursday 21 May 2020

Dear Parents

I understand that we will all be responding differently to the news that students will be returning on Monday – some are excited, some a little fearful, some a little thrown off balance by all the news that surrounds us. I know that we are all doing our absolute best to ensure your child continues to receive a high quality education and once again I thank you for the fabulous way you have worked with us during this time. I have had many conversations with students this week who are overwhelmingly relieved to be back at school while appreciating how they have been supported at home with their learning.

We now need to turn our attention to next week, so that we can be as prepared as we can for all of our students returning on Monday. There are two things that I think will be important over the next week:

1. Supporting students to engage in full time learning on our school campus
2. Keeping you up to date about how our changing world is changing our school community.

Full time learning on campus will resume from Week 5, Monday 25 May. If there are any further changes to this over the next few weeks, we will continue to keep you informed.

Reporting and Assessment – We will continue to assess your child’s learning using a variety of methods. You will receive your child’s semester 1 report before the end of August (week 6, Term 3).

This will be a simplified version of the report you normally receive.

School activities - Teachers will continue to follow the same school curriculum with the exception of some activities that can’t go ahead for now.

What children can do:

- Use the school library
- Engage in non-contact sporting activities
- Year 11 and 12 students may attend classes/ activities relating to subjects available on other campuses
- VET work placement for Year 12 students is able to proceed from 1 June 2020. Year 10 and 11 work-placement is able to proceed from Term 3 2020.
- School based apprenticeships and traineeships can recommence once the relevant workplaces are back in operation

What students can’t do:

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- School assemblies (unless for critical information)
- School incursions and excursions including camps
- Work experience
- Inter-school activities (debating, inter-school sport)
- In-school activities requiring parent or other volunteers
- Drink from a water bubbler – bring a water bottle instead
- Students cannot attend TAFE for study but may continue to learn online.

School cleaning and hygiene supplies

We will continue with additional cleaning in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Targeted areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas. There will also be additional cleaning of toilets and topping up of supplies like soap.

Our school has received supplies of soap, hand sanitiser, toilet paper, paper towels, disinfectant wipes and personal protective equipment to assist with this.

School grounds

We need to limit visitors on site to visiting by invitation only.

Pick up/Drop off: If you need to pick up students on school grounds from 2.20pm, please avoid the bus bay area and follow the signage to our new alternate pick up zone, located opposite the bus bay, behind the staff car park area.

Students will be exiting at the school double gate area, in a marked crossing to enter the pick-up zone.

Responding P&C and parent/carer/teacher meetings will be conducted virtually.

A big THANK YOU to our P&C who continue to work with us and support innovative student learning.

Responding to COVID-19 cases

There is a clear plan in place for schools to respond to any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our schools. We are working closely with NSW Health and will communicate with parents if a situation was to arise.

Kind regards



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