



Principal's Update

Greetings to you all,

I hope that you and your families are all safe and well ?

As mentioned in the update on Wednesday evening we have been going through a process of consultation in order to decide on the programme for the return of Years 7-10 to the College. I thank all the Parents who replied to our Survey and this feedback has helped to guide the decisions that we have made for our College community.

The return of the boys will be focused on well-being, and giving momentum to their on-line learning. We respect that as a parent you may be nervous about having your son return onsite. This is understandable, so we have organised a programme and protocols that minimize the risk as much as possible. We are also very aware that Covid has a significant presence in our local community so we must proceed with an abundance of caution.

We will start with a rostered programme for the first three days. This is so that we can manage whatever numbers return as carefully as possible and be sure that we are able to enforce protocols. This will be a Period 1-5 programme (see detail below) Students will finish school after Period 5 and must go directly home.

Wed Nov 17 th	Thurs Nov 18 th	Fri Nov 19 th
Yr 7 and Yr 9	Yr 8 and Yr 10	Yr 7 and Yr 9

We will review this programme by Friday 19th and make any changes needed to suit our community's needs.

If you choose to have your son remain at home he can continue the normal online programme every second day, and resources from the alternate day will be put on Teams as per usual. Where practicable teachers will zoom on-site lessons for boys who remain at home.

Boys will stay in one classroom as much as possible to reduce contact between groups. There will be no sports activities at the break time and boys must keep their distance at all times.

The two year levels on site each day will stay in their own area of the school grounds and not mix. There will be only one year level in each area so as to minimize contact between boys.

Other points to note:

- We will run the student's normal timetable for P1-5, with no Period 6.
 - ✚ Start time for the day will be 8.35am, the same as normal
 - ✚ Year 7/8 will finish at 1.30pm and Yr 9/10 at 1.40pm
 - ✚ School buses will run as normal in the morning but are not able to change to the earlier time in the afternoon. You will need to make alternative arrangements to pick up your son by 2pm.
- The Workshop timetable for Yr 11-13 students will finish on Tuesday November 16th, which is when they will start their study leave. During exams they will be in restricted areas away from the Junior students. There will be an opportunity for afternoon Yr 11-13 workshops from 2-3.30pm as organised by individual teachers.
- Compulsory mask use is required for both staff and students. We would ask that boys wear their masks to and from school also. Mask use on buses and trains is Compulsory.
- 100% of our teaching and support staff onsite from next week are fully vaccinated.
- Tuckshop will be providing free lunch at the Interval break, but will not be open for normal trading.
- We will be enforcing all the health and hygiene protocols including hand sanitising and the wiping down of desks. There will be no assemblies or inside large gatherings. If boys are sick they are to stay home. If a staff member reports a student is unwell then he will be isolated and parents will be asked to come and collect him.

If you have any questions regarding any of the programme for returning to school, please make immediate contact with your son's Homeroom teacher.

Thank you for your continued focus on your son's education and well-being.

Regards

M. Hogarty
Principal