

22 May 2020

Dear Year 11 and 12 students

Re: Returning to school, Monday 25 May

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you back on Monday. We appreciate the work that the Year 11s and 12s have put in during the past six weeks in very challenging circumstances.

As I am sure you are aware, while you are returning and we are aiming to run the School as 'normally' as possible, there will be some differences, at least until the end of this term. As senior students, the School will be looking to your leadership – formally and informally – so it is very important you lead by example.

It is also important that you understand that all of us, staff and students, will not enjoy some of these changes, but as a whole community we need to be guided by them to protect the vulnerable amongst us, inside and outside of the School.

Physical distancing

- In corridors and classes, particularly during lunch and recess we need to continue to physically distance as we have been all around Australia for the last three months. This will not feel natural, but we must continue to do it, so when a teacher nags you, understand this is not about them or you, but again about protecting those more at risk, who we love.

Hand washing

- Whenever you enter a school building there will be hand sanitiser at the doors, please make sure you clean your hands.
- Make sure you wash or sanitise hands before and after eating.

Canteen

- There will be 'X's marked out as to where you should stand when queuing.
- There will be a limit on numbers in the canteen.
- Paying will be cashless - please use the Flexischools app or EFTPOS.

Recess and lunchtime

- The Prefects will rearrange the Toppin Room, Max Darcey Room and Conference Centre by removing chairs from tables to ensure/encourage/promote physical distancing.
- The Conference Centre is a designated space for Year 12.
- The School Gymnasium will not be open until Week 8.
- No 'physical' contact play at recess or lunch for the remainder of the term.

Morning Admin

- Mentor rooms will open at 8.00am each morning.

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- Please head to you mentor group rather than hanging around by lockers.
- Mentor group will be on Teams in mentor rooms.
- Year 9 and 10 boys are to continue connecting with mentor in the morning via Teams. Mentors will continue taking morning mentor in Teams. This will be done physically with the Year 11 and 12s in mentor rooms with Year 9 and 10 joining online, or from home if the mentor does not need to be on campus.

Private Study

- The library will continue to be used as a space for students in Years 7-10 attending school during Weeks 5 and 6.
- During a student's Private Study line, they are to sign in at the library at the beginning of the lesson and then find an appropriate space to work in either the Conference Centre (Year 12), Max Darcey Room or the Toppin Room.
- Co-operating school classes will continue as timetabled and school buses will operate as normal.
- Special Privileges will operate as normal.

Haircuts and shaving!

- Shaving – should be done when we see you back, you know the drill!
- Hair – you have until Monday 1 June.

Please talk to any of us should you have any questions or concerns about returning to school. We realise it might seem strange to return to some of these requirements. However, the more we keep to them and encourage others to do the same the more likely it is that we will be able to remove the restrictions more quickly.

We will see you on Monday!

Yours sincerely



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