

5 June 2020

Dear Year 7 and 8 students

Re: Returning to school, Tuesday 9 June

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday. We appreciate the work that the Year 9s and 10s have put in during the past six weeks in some 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.

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 and good hygiene

- 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.
- The daily cleaning regime will include doors, door handles, handrails, light switches and all other touch points.
- Sharing of devices will not be permitted.

Canteen

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

Recess and lunchtime

- No 'physical' contact play at recess or lunch for the remainder of the term.
- Numbers on the basketball and handball courts will be limited.
- Water fountains/bubblers will not be in use.

Morning Admin/Pastoral times/Assemblies/Chapels

- 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.
- All Assemblies/Chapels will take place via Teams or will be broadcast in mentor rooms.

School finish times

- For the rest of this term, Year 7 classes will end at 3.25pm and Year 8 will finish at 3.30pm to reduce congestion at lockers.

Haircuts

- If your hair has become unwieldy, you have until Monday 15 June to have it cut.

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 Tuesday!

Yours sincerely



Mr Ken Kingston
Head of Middle School