



Principal: Mr Grant Shepherd

8 May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Managed Return To School – Phase 1

From Monday 11 May, these groups will be able to attend school **face-to-face** on their normal 6 period timetables during the allocated times:

- a) **Year 12 – full-time every day**
- b) **Students who need to be at school – as required**
- c) **Years 7-11 one day per week:**
 - Mondays : Year 8
 - Tuesdays : Year 7
 - Wednesdays : Year 9
 - Thursdays : Year 10
 - Fridays : Year 11

Parents are encouraged by NSW DoE to keep students home, where possible on the other 4 days (except for Year 12).

Those students attending on days other than their allocated year group day will complete the same learning activities as students learning from home. Some teachers may continue to connect with their students learning from home through online meetings. This will be communicated via Teams. The modified 4 period timetable is no longer being followed.

Students attending school are required to bring any loaned Chromebooks and chargers so they can use them to access set learning activities.

It is anticipated that Phase 1 will continue until the end of May pending the progress of COVID-19 outbreaks in NSW. Our school Facebook page and website will be updated regularly to keep you informed of any developments. The school canteen will be open and bus transport will run as normal.

Please be assured that we will be doing our best to follow NSW DoE guidelines to minimise the risk of COVID-19 infection. A number of our school practices are outlined over the page.

Please feel free to contact our school on 80881055 if you have any queries.

Grant Shepherd
Principal

SCHOOL PROCEDURES TO MINIMISE RISK OF COVID-19

Health Practices

- Students who are unwell with respiratory illness or flu-like symptoms are required to remain at home until symptoms resolve. If any student becomes unwell we will implement our infection control guidelines. Parents will be contacted and asked to pick up their child from school.
- Temperature checking for students referred to sick bay.

Cleaning and Hygiene

- Enhanced cleaning procedures – cleaners have been employed for additional hours each day to regularly clean ‘high touch’ surfaces such as light switches, door frames and handles, glass doors that are pushed on, stairwells, desks, counters, hand basins etc.
- Disinfectant wipes used to regularly clean computer keyboards.
- Maintaining ongoing emphasis on handwashing and provision of hand sanitiser in every classroom.
- Reminding students to:
 - wash their hands frequently with soap and water before and after eating and after going to the toilet
 - cover their nose and mouth when they cough or sneeze
 - avoid touching their faces
 - limit physical contact when greeting people

Social Distancing Measures

- Continual implementation of appropriate social distancing measures proportionate to health advice at the time, which is that social distancing for children is different than adults.
- Reminding students about appropriate social distancing including limiting physical contact in the playground.
- Maintaining set entrance and exit routines for classrooms and social distancing markers in canteen and front office areas.
- Creating smaller class sizes where possible.
- Cancellation of events and after school activities like assemblies, excursions, interschool sports and FAST Centre.
- Placing restrictions on non-essential visitors to school.
- Implementing appropriate procedures for interaction of staff members.