

## Principal's Update

12 May 2020

Dear all

Well we have completed the second day in Phase 1; that is where one year group per day attends school.

On Monday both Years 11 and 12 returned to school.

Year 12 have returned full-time to school and this seems to be working well. They have the flexibility to arrive when their first lesson commences and leave after their last lesson for the day and this promotes less congestion at 9.00am and 3.20pm.

Year 11 came for the one day and followed their A week Monday timetable. We were very impressed, firstly by the fact that 98% of the students attended and how engaged they were with their learning in the classroom. They also showed excellent leadership through social distancing and using hand sanitiser.

Today (Tuesday) Year 7 returned to school and again we were very impressed with the numbers of students in attendance. Each class (based on colour) had all their lessons in the one double room and their teachers came to them. This promoted social distancing throughout the day. It was obvious that they were so pleased to see each other. I think there would have been lots of hugs if we hadn't pushed social distancing at all times :)

Wednesday - Year 8 come to school

Thursday - Year 9

Friday - Year 10

We are encouraging the students to ask questions, particularly if they are having issues with technology and online learning.

A reminder that the school has laptops and SIM cards for students. All that is required is an email of request from the parent.

Another positive is that photos have arrived and so at the end of each day all students in the year group who purchased a photo will be able to take them home.

We are strongly reinforcing social distancing with regard to canteen use, toilets and even walking in corridors. Students have in the main been excellent in not bringing balls to school.

Mrs McCarthy who is the coordinator of Google classroom at Mosman has written the following regarding parent access:

"Parents don't "login" to Google classroom, they get sent email summaries of their students work that has been assigned to them.

When parents join Classroom, they receive regular, automatic email summaries for each of their students. Parents choose the frequency of the emails—daily or weekly—and can unsubscribe at any time.

Parent email summaries include:

Missing work—Work that's late at the time the email was sent

Upcoming work—Work that's due today and tomorrow (for daily emails) or work that's due in the upcoming week (for weekly emails)

Class activity—Announcements, assignments, and questions recently posted by teachers

By default, email summaries for classes are turned off".

If you need access to your students Google classroom please send the school an email with attention Jess McCarthy.

At this point in time, it appears that we will stay in Phase 1 for next week (commencing 18 May). This means that your students will attend on the same days as they have attended this week but will follow the B week timetable.

All years except Year 12 are still receiving their work online. Once again can I re-iterate that if you are concerned about the wellbeing of your child or how they are accessing the curriculum please let us know.

Best wishes

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