

Principal's Update

15 May 2020

Dear all

We have reached the end of our first week of Phase 1 return to school!

Year 12 have now had a full week of school and today their HSC timetable was released on the NESA website. This will provide Year 12 with the opportunity to see when their exams will be taking place and start planning even this far out for the lead up to each examination. The exams will now be starting a little later than normal, that is 20 October.

Year 12 will continue to attend school full-time and from next week will be able to attend before and after school classes as well as engage in practical work.

At this stage all other Years will not have before and after school classes or practical lessons as their form of learning continues to be online despite coming to school for one day.

The pattern of attendance will be the same for the week commencing 18 May.

Year 11 – Monday

Year 7 – Tuesday

Year 8 – Wednesday

Year 9 – Thursday

Year 10 – Friday

This coming week is a B week so they will bring their equipment for a B week timetable on the appropriate day.

I must say we have been extremely pleased with the attitude of our students when they have attended on their designated day. Apart from a little excited chatter on arriving, each year has shown focus and dedication to learning in the classroom. All the large junior years are in our double rooms so that they can maintain social distancing and only classes of up to 15 students are in normal classrooms.

The students are great in using sanitiser and there has been a pick up on washing hands with soap in the bathrooms :)

I have seen some outstanding examples of online learning being presented by our teachers and I think the students have valued the opportunity on their day to ask questions and receive further clarification and explanations.

At this point in time I can not confirm if the week commencing 25 May will continue with Phase 1, or move to a higher Phase or even go to Phase 4 which is a full return of students to school. As soon as I know I will communicate with you.

Our Wellbeing team members and particularly the School Counsellors have been calling many family members who have requested support as well as meeting with students who are at school. I am proud of the efforts of all my staff as it is clear that they have the students best interests, both in curriculum learning and wellbeing, at the forefront of all that they are doing.

So at this stage it is a repeat of this week into the next week, the only difference for Years 7-12 will be that they are following a B week timetable.

I hope you are all well and coping with these very challenging times.

Stay safe,

Susan

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