

Principal's Update

22 May 2020

Dear all

Well today brings to an end Phase 1. Over the past two weeks Year 12 returned permanently to school and all other years attended one day per week.

However starting next week all students in all years will return to school. Face to Face teaching will recommence and the online teaching programs that have been used over the past six weeks at school will no-longer continue.

We have been told that social distancing for students at school is not required and so students will return to their normal timetables for week A, in their normal classrooms starting Monday 25 May.

No social distancing will take place on school buses, however social distancing is necessary on public buses. I have also been told that no child will be refused entry to a public bus.

The canteen will be open as normal and the social distancing approach we have been using over the past two weeks will no-longer be implemented.

Students are encouraged to bring a water bottle and fill it in the water dispensers in the canteen and near the COLA. They should not use bubblers.

Over the past two weeks we have designated toilet blocks to particular year groups each day. We will now revert to the use that was in place before the Covid virus.

However, hand-sanitising practice at the start of lessons, extra cleaning and extra soap dispensers in bathrooms will continue.

Students will be able to play handball and shoot hoops in basketball. However contact sports, including basketball are prohibited. Music ensembles and GAT sport training at this time will only be able to go ahead if run by Mosman High teaching staff. Over the next week teachers will contact students and families indicating when these activities may commence.

For the wellbeing of staff and other students it is very important that if your child is not well in the morning before school that they remain at home. We do not have a clinic to mind students during the day and request your support in this.

On Tuesday 2 June we will try an online version of Parent Teacher night for Year 7 parents. Parents will be given access to the Parent Teacher Online portal that can be accessed via the School's webpage from Monday 25 May. This is the first time we have tried this approach and while there may be some hiccups, if something doesn't work on the day then we will follow up at a later date.

Most of our students can walk or ride a bike to school. For those who are driven to school, please follow the "kiss and drop" guidelines and in the afternoon "pick up and go". Please ensure that the bus bay area is kept clear.

Next week our focus will be "Welcome Back". We will be checking in on students to see where they are up to and supporting them in areas of learning that might have been missed. After so many weeks at home we anticipate that students may be quite tired returning to school full time; so our plan particularly for Years 7-11 is to ensure they are settled in class and in their learning.

I would like to conclude again by thanking every family for your efforts over the past weeks as we have all tried to do our best to support our students. I am sure we would all agree it hasn't been easy. I remind all families that if you have concerns about any aspect of your students return don't hesitate to let us know.

Best wishes

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