

## Principal's Update

26 May 2020

Dear all

Yesterday was our first day of Phase 4 learning. With almost 900 students in attendance (and on such a horrid day) it seemed as if we were almost back to the "new normal".

I must say as I welcomed our students to school from the Gladstone Avenue entrance that the queue of patient SUVs moving along the street to drop off their students was impressive. Thank you to everyone for making what could have been a traffic jam go so smoothly.

We have decided however to give students for this week, extra time to get to their first class before marking them late. If the inclement weather we have experienced over the past few days continues it is a challenge for students to get into the classroom with only a five minute window from 9.00am.

I have been very pleased with the calm and engaged way our students have settled into school. This week is a "Welcome Back" week with a focus on checking to see how the students have managed with the online learning and helping those who have missed work - catch up.

Instead of sport, students will have the time to continue with that catching up of work delivered while the school was in Phase 1 or complete any new material provided.

The Year 7 wellbeing team provided to all Year 7 students during their sport time, a workshop on how to maximise their use of Google classroom. The Year 7 students were very positive about this opportunity.

For the time being we will not be able to have tutors or coaches into the school. However I am very grateful to the teaching staff who have stepped in to some of these roles for the time being to support our students.

Just a reminder that if your child has sniffles or is unwell please keep them at home to recover and thank you to those parents who have been doing this.

At this time there have been no changes in regard to my previous update; however if there are any changes I will be in touch.

Regards

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