

Principal's Update

29 May 2020

Dear all

As we move toward the end of the first week of Phase 4, I must say it seems for many at school, as if we have returned to normal. This week has been a "Welcome Back" where teachers have focused on ensuring that students feel supported. Also work completed online in previous weeks has been discussed and checked. It has been pleasing to see how well students have settled back at school.

Most students are back at school and lessons are taking place in classrooms with their teachers. Of course school sport and GAT sport as well as music ensembles are not taking place. When we are allowed to move to Phase 5 then that will mean all tutors and coaches will be able to also return to school. Further, we will be able to hold assemblies, concerts, subject selection information evenings and parent interviews at school.

You will see that I have attached the permission note to allow your child to leave school in the (unlikely) event that a student or staff member is diagnosed with Covid-19.

This permission note was sent to all families at the start of the Pandemic in Australia and thank you to the almost 50% who have completed the note and returned it to the school. However now that we are back at school it is important that we have 100% of families returning the note so that if this situation arises, we have your permission to send your child home as soon as possible.

We have in place an evacuation plan for the students and staff.

If you have a family member who tests positive for Covid-19 then other family members including students must follow Department of Health guidelines and self-isolate that is students may not come to school for 14 days.

If a student or for that matter staff member is diagnosed with Covid-19 then the school must be informed and also the Department of Health (the Hotline number is 1800811523).

This may involve the school having to send all students and staff home. Parents would be informed of this by both email and text. For those students who do not have a signed permission slip recorded at school, the office staff would be required to phone you to ensure that you give permission for your student to leave the school.

Once all students have exited the school safely then staff would leave the school, the senior executive would check the school and then the school would be closed.

During the time that the school is closed, staff and students would resume online teaching and learning.

I would, of course provide regular updates to families via email and postings on the School website.

While we all hope that this will never happen, it is important that we are prepared.

Thank you for keeping your child at home if they are unwell. We have almost no cases of illness coming to sick bay throughout the day.

At this point in time the upcoming week, commencing 1 June will follow the same pattern as this week except that it is a B week.

Best wishes

Susan

Susan Wyatt
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Mosman High School



Permission Note

*Mosman High School arrangements to support the school evacuation
following a confirmed case of COVID-19*

STUDENT

Family Name:	First Name:	Class:
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In the event of an evacuation due to a confirmed case of COVID-19:

I give permission for my student to leave the school and go home on the safety advice provided by the Department of Education.

Parent or Carer Name _____

Parent or Carer Signature

Date _____

or

I do not give permission at this time and would prefer contact should the need for evacuation occur for a confirmed case of COVID-19.

Parent or Carer Name _____

Parent or Carer Signature

Date _____