

Principal's Update

4 June 2020

Dear all

At school it seems like it is almost back to normal with the number of students attending school similar to the numbers pre-Covid. I am very impressed with the way students have returned to school and their engagement in the classroom is fantastic.

We (as you know) have been a BYOD school for many years and as a result of the enforced online learning over the past two months, I am noticing that all classrooms are characterised by a blended approach to pedagogy with teacher explanation and delivery but also increased use of computer technology.

On Tuesday evening we held our first foray into a Parent Teacher night that was totally phone based. Anecdotal feedback from teachers regarding the Year 7 Parent Teacher night was very positive. In fact in a recent report from the Association of Heads of Independent Schools of Australia (AHISA); feedback indicated that a positive of the COVID-19 restrictions indicated that parent-teacher meetings held by phone or digital platforms were rated a huge success by parents and teachers. In fact the many logistical challenges of these nights including both travel and convenience had been minimised. Please let me know if you have any comments regarding the Year 7 PT night :)

I discussed in my Friday's update the importance of parents completing and signing the approval form for their student to leave the school during the day in the hopefully unlikely event that a student or staff member tests positive to COVID-19. With almost 500 families who have not returned the permission note, the deputies and I will be required to ring you to ascertain your approval for your son and/or daughter to leave the school prior to a lockdown.

Once we receive the note a pale blue flag is placed next to your child's name on the roll. Teachers marking the roll before dismissal can see that flag and allow for your child to leave for home expeditiously. We have produced an evacuation plan where students leave the school first, then staff and after checking and locking the school, the senior executive leave. In other schools where this has happened a deep clean of the school takes place before students are allowed to return.

Furthermore students and staff who may have been in contact with the person tested positive to COVID-19 are notified by the Department of Health to self-isolate. Online learning will recommence and I will be in continuous contact with you to ensure we are all up-to-date. I have again attached the leave letter and request your support.

At this time I am not sure when we may move to Phase 5. This Phase will allow all the extra-curricular events that we run at Mosman to again take place. Students are keen for basketball coaching and other sports to take place; as well as music ensembles, Information Evenings, concerts and all the activities that contribute to our school being such an exciting and interesting place for students. Obviously, safety is the priority. However once I am informed so too will you be informed.

At this stage as the school is operating in a full-time capacity and little change is being communicated to me; I will reduce the Principal's update to once a week. However if changes do take place then it may be necessary for me to again increase the frequency of the update.

Regards

Susan

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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 _____