

Principal's Update

19 August 2020

Dear all

In the documentation I sent to you on Monday, there seemed to be a few points that need to be highlighted:

- Non-essential adults are not permitted on the school grounds. Those that are permitted relate to the curriculum including sport and music etc.
- Face to face parent meetings with myself are still available
- Scripture classes can go ahead
- P&C and parent meetings can occur but must be online (ZOOM)
- Students are not to attend school if they are unwell and particularly with flu like symptoms however mild
- Students who are tested for COVID must provide a negative result to the school on return
- If a student is absent for more than three days without a medical certificate, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and followed up by the school
- Wearing face masks is not compulsory but students or staff members can wear face masks if they want
- Students are encouraged to bring and fill water bottles and not use bubblers
- Interschool activities must occur within the local zone for Mosman High
- Choirs and woodwind ensembles are not to take place
- Year 12 graduation assembly if before the end of term can take place with restrictions. (I will be having meetings with Year 12 to discuss options)
- Interschool sport is limited to 100 people per venue
- Year 7 orientation at this stage can take place in term 4
- Work placement and VET can occur as long as the organisation to which the student is going has a COVID safety plan that must be given to our careers adviser Mr Mew before the student can attend
- Face to face TAFE training can still occur
- Our annual art exhibition will not be available to parents or the public but we are exploring a virtual version of the exhibition (watch this space)
- Students who are living with a family member identified as at high risk are advised to attend school unless they have documentation from a doctor indicating otherwise

All students should have now received their semester 1 reports. All years 7-11 are commencing Semester 2. We still have extra cleaning taking place in the school and the library and other areas of

the school are disinfected after every lesson. Students are encouraged to wash their hands and use sanitiser.

Tonight Year 8 will have their subject selection evening focusing on Year 9, 2021.

At the start of week 8 (we are in week 5) Year 11 will commence 2 weeks of final Year 11 exams.

I thought you may enjoy this brief, timely article.

<https://pasisahlberg.com/five-things-not-to-do-when-schools-re-open/>

Best wishes

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