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Information for the return to school from Monday October 25 – Years 7-11

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to students from Years 7 to 11 returning to face-to-face learning on Monday October 25. Thank you to the parents who joined our virtual meeting on Tuesday evening where we explained our return to school plan. This letter is to provide further details and answer some of the questions raised at the meeting.

Cohorting and keeping students safe

As we return to school students will be kept in their cohorts to minimise opportunities for transmission of COVID-19 and to enable effective contact tracing and containment.

This means minimising interaction between students on school grounds and keeping cohorts together where possible. In order to do this the following measures will be in place:

- We will have different recess and lunch times for Years 7 and 8, Years 9, 10 and 11. We have streamlined this to maximise opportunities in practical classes since the parent meeting.
- Each Year group will have a designated playground area to minimise cohort mixing.
- Students should arrive between 8:10am and 8:25am in the morning and be driven or walk to school wherever possible.
- For students who catch buses, they have returned to their normal timetable. Please note that face masks are mandatory while travelling on the bus.
- We will have a staggered end to the day - Year 7 and 8 will finish at 2:30pm and Years 9, 10 and 11 will finish at 2:40pm. Our revised bell times are attached. Wednesday finish time remain the same.
- We will have designated gates to leave school at the end of the day. Year 7 and 9 will use the gate opposite Southlands – Gate 3 to leave school and Year 8 and 10 will use Gate 2 opposite the Preschool to leave school. Year 11 will operate on a flexible timetable and will exit from Gate 2.
- The School Gates will be locked throughout the day. Year 11 will operate on a flexible timetable, with Gate 2 being open 5 minutes before the end of each lesson and for 5 minutes after each lesson. Year 11 students need to sign in and out through the front office so we have an accurate record of who is onsite.

Covid Safe practices in the school

We will be implementing the following procedures in all classrooms and around the school:

- Hand sanitiser will be used in all classroom.
- Disinfectant wipes will be in all classrooms and students will wipe down their desk and chair at the start and finish of each lesson.
- We have soap and hand driers in all toilets for hand washing, and enhanced cleaning of high touch surfaces.

- Students should bring a water bottle as we have hydration stations where they can be refilled with chilled water.
- COVID Safe practices will be used in all practical subject areas as students return.

PE Practical Classes and Year 7 and 8 students

We will be running PE Practical Classes when students return. Due to cohorting, we will have limited access to change rooms for class groups. On nominated PE practical class days students in Year 7 and 8 will wear their sports uniform to school. Further details will be provided to parents of Year 7 and 8 students. Year 9 and 10 students will be managed so that access for changing for PE practical classes is limited to one year group at a time.

Face Masks

Face masks are required to be worn on the school site by staff and all students when indoors.

We are encouraging all students to bring their own face masks, but we have supplies of face masks to issue to students who forget to bring one.

Ventilation

Having open or well-ventilated spaces reduces the risk of transmission of COVID-19 because infectious particles are more quickly diffused in the open air.

Our school was air conditioned as part of the Cooler Schools Program. These systems have the capacity to bring air in from outside. They also monitor CO2 levels in the classroom.

When students return all windows and doors will be open in classrooms throughout the day.

Uniform Shop and Canteen Operations

The Uniform Shop is available for online orders only. Pick up only. Please place orders and they will be packaged for pickup. Parents will be contacted when they are ready and students can collect them from the front office.

The canteen will be operational from October 25 with a limited menu, but most items have been included. Students will have a designated line to access the canteen so that we maintain cohorting.

Southlands Shopping Centre

Students should come straight to school and not access and loiter in Southlands Shopping Centre. This is especially important on a Wednesday afternoon, our early finish day. Parents are to organise where possible for the early collection of their child.

We are liaising with centre management to ensure we keep our community safe. We have received the following advice from Southlands about their operating procedures.

All patrons must

- Wear a mask at all times if over the age of 12 within the shopping centre
- QR code Check in when entering the shopping centre
- QR code Check in when entering individual stores
- Show proof of double vaccination if entering non-essential retail premises within the centre if over the age of 16 unless accompanied by a fully vaccinated member of their household

Higher School Certificate Operations

We are putting in place and preparing detailed COVID-safe arrangements for exams to minimise mixing between students. These plans include appropriate spacing for students and that exams are conducted in well-ventilated rooms and spaces, mask wearing for students and staff onsite. We are also organising alternative venues in the event we need to relocate the exams.

The majority of the HSC Examinations will be in the Nursing Block. Students will be sent an individualised timetable, including rooming and alternate venues. Students have been briefed on arrival times, COVID safe operations, seating arrangements and Illness and Misadventure procedures in the event of a positive Covid case impacting on the school.

Our Alternate venues for the HSC include the Girl Guides Hall opposite the school and Western Sydney University, Kingswood Campus. In the event that the school is closed for deep cleaning we have contingency plans to communicate any changes with students and parents directly.

A reminder - Covid Communication Channels.

In the event of a confirmed COVID case quick and efficient communication will be essential. If a decision needs to be made to close the school we will provide learning from home activities once again until it is safe to return to face-to-face learning.

Please monitor your email as that will be our main form of communication in such events. We will also post messages on our Year Group closed Facebook groups for parents and Year Group Google Classrooms for students in the event of a school closure. The Department also has a School Updates app that can be downloaded onto smart devices.

Access to the School site

As students return to school we are closed to non-essential visitors. This means that parents will have limited access to the site. If you need to collect a child during the day please send them with a note in the morning with the reason, date and time they will be collected. We will organise an early leavers pass for them. If as a parent you have questions, please contact the school by phone to get advice on how it will be managed during the return of students.

Learning from Monday October 25

As a staff we are very much looking forward to the return to face-to-face learning from Monday. Students need to be in full school uniform, have their bags packed for the days lessons and have their laptops fully charged ready for a day of learning. We are ready.

We look forward to our return on Monday.

Yours sincerely



Glyn Trethewy

Principal



Bell Times: Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri

YEAR 7 and YEAR 8	
Period 0	7.30 – 8.30
Warning Bell	8.25 – 8.30
Homeroom	8.30 – 8.40
Period 1	8.40 - 9.40
Recess	9.40 – 10.10
Period 2	10.10 – 11.10
Period 3	11.10 – 12.10
Lunch	12.10 – 12.40
Period 4	12.40 – 1.40
Period 5	1.40 – 2.30

YEAR 9, 10 AND 11	
Period 0	7.30 – 8.30
Warning Bell	8.25 – 8.30
Homeroom	8.30 – 8.40
Period 1	8.40 - 9.40
Period 2	9.40 – 10.40
Recess	10.40 – 11.10
Period 3	11.10 – 12.10
Period 4	12.10 – 1.10
Lunch	1.10 – 1.40
Period 5	1.40 – 2.40

Bell Times: Wed

YEAR 7 and YEAR 8	
Period 0	7.30 – 8.30
Warning Bell	8.25 – 8.30
Homeroom	8.30 – 8.40
Period 1	8.40 - 9.40
Period 2 Mentoring	9.40 – 10.00
Recess	10.00 – 10.30
Period 3	10.30 – 11.30
Period 4	11.30 – 12.30
Lunch	12.30 – 1.00
Period 5	1.00 – 2.00

YEAR 10 AND 11, Note -Year 9 period 1-3 and recess, then Year 9 follow Year 7 and 8 bell times.	
Period 0	7.30 – 8.30
Warning Bell	8.25 – 8.30
Homeroom	8.30 – 8.40
Period 1	8.40 - 9.40
Period 2 Mentoring	9.40 – 10.00
Period 3	10.00 – 11.00
Recess	11.00 – 11.30
Period 4	11.30 – 12.30
Period 5	12.30 – 1.30
Home	1.30pm