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Dear Parents, Guardians, Homestay Hosts and Students,

***Re: Year 12 Students Returning to School and Recommencing Normal Face-to-Face Lessons
On Monday 16th August 2021, 8:30am***

Years 7 to 11 Continue with Online Learning up to Friday 27th August

Out of necessity and in the best interests of our Year 12 students' education, online learning will continue until Friday 13th August and for Years 7 to 11 online learning will continue until Friday 27th of August, at this stage. As was mentioned in earlier correspondence dated the 19th July, this form of learning is not effective for all students, especially our senior students. During the lockdown our Year 12 students have been able to attend school, interact and engage with their teachers in creating their major works. This has been a very stressful time for our Year 12 students due to the uncertainty of what lies ahead, but with the announcement today, some of that anxiety may be alleviated.

The coronavirus infection rates in New South Wales are a concern for the NSW Government, but the NSW Chief Medical Officer Dr Kerry Chant has advised that Year 12 students return to school on Monday 16th August. Therefore, the online learning programme will continue for Years 7 to 11 only, after this date, until Friday 27th August.

All our students are our concern but especially, Year 12. They need to return to school and continue with their learning in the classroom and be given the best opportunity to prepare for their assessments and upcoming major examinations. The situation will continue to be monitored during the lockdown period and if any further changes are announced by the NSW Government and the Department of Health, the school will inform the community.

By recommencing face-to-face lessons for Year 12, this will keep us in line with NSW Public Schools, Catholic and Independent schools, who are also re-commencing face-to-face teaching and learning from Monday 16th August.

On Monday 16th August for Year 12 and Monday 30th August for Years 7 to 11, the following guidelines will be implemented at the school:

1. no assemblies will be conducted.
2. hand sanitisers will be available to students in the common areas and classrooms.
3. Only five (5) students can be transported in a lift at any one time.
4. social distancing rules will be implemented that apply to schools.
5. face masks must be worn.

Please remind your child in preparation for their return to school that they must wear their full winter school uniform, including their blazer. Girls wear navy blue stockings (not tights or leggings). All students should be punctual for their lessons and should bring with them, the required stationery and textbooks. Any non-school uniform items cannot be worn. The sports uniform to be worn on Thursdays or for PE lessons.

Thank you to everyone for your co-operation and understanding, in making sure that our students are studying effectively from home and the teachers, support staff and I are looking forward to returning to normal face-to-face lessons with Year 12 on Monday 16th August and Years 7 to 11 on Monday 30th August (unless announced otherwise).

Yours sincerely,

Mr Rekouniotis
PEO/Headmaster
Wednesday 28th July, 2021