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INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS: LEARNING FROM HOME UPDATE

Dear parents/carers and students,

I trust you are having an enjoyable school holidays. I would like to provide you with an update on our learning from home arrangements in light of a number of recent announcements.

Return to School

The NSW Department of Education has announced revised staggered return dates for students:

- Monday, 18 October 2021 (Year 12) (see below)
- Monday, 25 October 2021 (Year 11)
- Monday, 1 November 2021 (Year 7 to Year 10)

As a large school, we will prioritise HSC students completing exams on-site. This may impact on the delivery of on-site learning, in particular on the following dates, where large candidature HSC exams including English and Mathematics are held:

- Tuesday, 9 November 2021 (English Paper 1 exams)
- Wednesday, 10 November 2021 (English Paper 2 exams)
- Monday, 15 November 2021 (Mathematics exams)

Some grades may be required to learn from home on these days to provide sufficient space for HSC students to complete exams in accordance with COVID rules. In early Term 4, the school will undertake significant planning in relation to our return to school and this will be communicated to parents and students as soon as possible.

Year 12

As indicated above, a return date of Monday, 18 October 2021 (Monday, Week 3) has been announced for Year 12. Year 12 students in ATAR and VET courses will continue with their studies in Week 1, Term 4, through online learning after our wellbeing day on Tuesday, 5 October 2021 (see below).

From Week 2, Term 4, HSC teachers will run timetabled revision seminars for Year 12 students and further information will be provided on these revision seminars next week.

At this stage, revision seminars will be held online.

It is possible revision seminars will become on-site experiences for Year 12 from Monday, 18 October 2021 and further information will be provided on these arrangements.



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Support Unit

It is expected that support unit students will return to school as per the dates outlined:

- Monday, 18 October 2021 (Year 12)
- Monday, 25 October 2021 (Year 11)
- Monday, 1 November 2021 (Year 7 to Year 10)

Students in the support unit will return to online learning on Wednesday, 6 October 2021 following our wellbeing day on Tuesday, 5 October 2021 (see below).

Face Masks

When students return to school, they will be required to wear a face mask (unless an exemption applies) under the rules of the NSW Department of Education. The school will have a supply of face masks, however, students are encouraged to bring their own masks to school.

Grade Assemblies

After our wellbeing day on Tuesday, 5 October 2021 (see below) where all grades will have a Connect session from 8:30am to 9am, we will resume our normal Connect sessions twice a week. These grade meetings are vital for students to receive important announcements:

Year 7:	<i>Tuesday and Friday</i>
Year 8:	<i>Monday and Friday</i>
Year 9:	<i>Monday and Friday</i>
Year 10:	<i>Monday and Friday</i>
Year 11:	<i>Tuesday and Friday</i>
Year 12:	<i>Monday and Friday</i>

Parents may receive a reminder text message a few minutes before the grade assembly is about to commence.

Day 1, Term 4 – Tuesday, 5 October 2021: Wellbeing Day

There is a public holiday on Monday, 4 October 2021. The first day of Term 4 is Tuesday, 5 October 2021 and will consist of wellbeing activities for students instead of normal timetabled lessons.

At 8:30am, students in all grades will log into a Connect session hosted by their Year Advisers and Deputy Principal where an outline of our wellbeing day will be provided. Students will complete a series of activities worth certain points and students are to achieve at least 100 points during the day. Students will be required to submit evidence of their activities via an 'assignment' in their year group Google Classroom page and this will be explained by Year Advisers during the Connect session at 8:30am.

During this time, teachers will engage in professional learning and preparation for Term 4.



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Wellbeing Challenge

3 Points	10 Points	30 Points
Write a thank you note to one of your teachers 3 points per teacher	Connect with someone you haven't spoken to for 5 minutes	Design and complete a body weight circuit - at least 10 activities
Watch your favourite movie	Participate in a self-care activity	Do something for a family member
Write down 10 things you are grateful for	Take your pet, teddy bear or sibling for a walk	Read a book/listen to a podcast or music for 30 minutes
Write down 10 positive memories you have	Try a guided meditation for 10 minutes	Tidy your room/desk Take a before and after shot
Do some stretching exercises	Complete a jigsaw, sudoku or crossword puzzle	Play a board/card game with a member of our household
Eat A Healthy Snack	Wash and put away the dishes or your clothes	Write study notes for each subject
Have a 1 minute hug with someone in your home. 3 points for person	Watch and learn some basic Auslan phrases	Take 30 minute break from technology.

Challenge your friends

Have a great day



Support unit students may wish to complete some of the above activities where appropriate on Tuesday, 5 October 2021, however, they will not be required to submit evidence of their completed activities. As indicated, students in the support unit will return to online learning on Wednesday, 6 October 2021.



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Latest Information

You can access the latest information from the NSW Department of Education in relation to learning from home here: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

I encourage families to reach out to the school if you need any support as we are here to help. I will continue to communicate with our parents and students to ensure you have access to the latest information. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

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