



LEARNING UPDATE - 35

Friday, 15 October, 2021

Working so that our students feel they are known, understood, valued and learning.

A Prayer for Our Uncertain Times



May we who are merely inconvenienced **remember** those whose lives are at stake. May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable. May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health and making their rent. **AMEN**

Dear Parents / Carers,

We know that you are very much looking forward to getting your children back to school. We are currently working to make sure that this return is as safe as possible.

Below are the conditions under which our **Year 12 (2021)** students are returning to school **on Monday**.
All other students return on Monday, 25th October.

Many of these will apply in Week 4, starting Monday, 25th October. We will be publishing the approach being taken in that week next Friday once we are fully aware of any late changes that may be implemented.

Students are not to attend school if they are unwell.

Students demonstrating any symptoms will be asked to immediately leave the site.
Please err on the side of caution if you are feeling sick.

- **Students are to bring a face mask.** This is to be worn all day over the nose and mouth while on the site, inside or outside.
- **Windows and doors are to open at all times** in order to help with ventilation.
- **Social distancing** is to be maintained at all times.
- Students **check in** on arrival and when departing by **QR Code**.
- Students are to remain on site until their lessons in subjects to be examined for the HSC are finished.
- Classes will be conducted for this week as indicated for **Week A of the student's timetable**.
 - Once students have arrived at school, they will be expected to attend all timetabled lessons in courses to be examined for the HSC.
 - There may be some changes to rooming in order to provide the best possible ventilation.
- Attendance **is not compulsory**. Students can make their own decisions as **to which day** they attend.
 - Students may still arrive later if they have Study in P1 and leave for Study at Lunch / Period 5 - they cannot leave the grounds and return on the same day.
- If students leave the site during the day, they will not be able to return.
- School uniform is to be worn - sports or summer uniform.
- Bring your own lunch - students will not be able to buy lunch at the canteen and you will not be able to go to the shops and return.



School Counsellor

As we begin the move back to face to face we understand that the last four months in particular have been very challenging. We will have Lauren Luthra our school counsellor back onsite from Monday. Additionally on Monday and Tuesday we have been blessed with the availability of an additional counsellor Miguel Hitosis. Students will be able to drop in or make appointments in the usual way.

Tips and resources to support Parents and students prepare for the return to school



[Here](#) are some tips on preparing for the return to school to help the transition to be smooth.

[Here](#) is another resource that may be useful as students prepare to face to face learning.

Beyond Blue is a Mental Health and Wellbeing support organisation. They provide support programs to address particular issues which may arise. [Here](#) is a link to a free online seminar that you may like to watch to help support your children as they return to onsite learning.

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