

22 October 2020

Dear Years 8 - 10 Students and Families,

It is 17 weeks since we said goodbye to students at the end of Term 2 and the time has finally come to return to onsite learning. Thank you for your patience, support and hard work during this second period of *Learning from Home*. Whilst it has been a challenging year, you have done an amazing job. Congratulations.

We are really looking forward to having the whole school back on Monday. Year 7 students have settled well over the last two weeks – we hope the same for everyone returning next week. I imagine that you are keen to get back and to catch up with friends, and that families (who have also done a great job this year) will appreciate some space and a more ‘normal’ structure to the day.

With this letter, we have included:

- a) An updated *Return to Onsite Learning Guide* for students and families, and
- b) Some tips for families to support students in returning to school

To assist with the transition back to school; students and families are reminded of the following:

- Up until Cup Weekend students can wear either winter or summer uniform. After Cup Weekend, it will be summer uniform only.
- The Canteen is open.
- Students need to wear a mask, to and from school, and whilst at school. The mask must be worn correctly, covering the nose and mouth.
- Students need to bring a drink bottle as drinking fountains cannot be used.
- Food cannot be shared.
- Frequent handwashing is encouraged, and hand sanitizer is provided throughout the school, and will be used at the beginning and end of class, and as it is needed throughout the day.
- Entry and exit to the school is via the Theodore, Arthur and Winfred Street gates.
- Wednesday will be a normal 8.40am start.
- As there are currently no afterschool activities, students are asked to go home straight after school.

- The Language Centre will be open for those who need to attend Homework Club or who wait for their families.
- Access to the school site is restricted to school staff and students.
- Where possible, parents and carers are asked to contact the school by phone, rather than visiting. Families cannot congregate outside the school.

To support the health and wellbeing of all students and staff, our school will continue an enhanced cleaning routine. This includes additional cleaning staff and progressive cleaning throughout the day to ensure that risks of transmission through high touch surfaces are reduced.

Should you have further questions, please call the school and we will do our best to answer them.

Again, thank you for your continued support and patience during this time. We look forward to welcoming students back to the classroom.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Christina Utri', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christina Utri
Principal