

29 January 2021

Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2021 school year. I hope that you have had a great break and are looking forward to all that this year will bring.

Our Year 7 students started this morning and are beginning the process of getting to know each other, staff and the school. Despite the rain, they were all very excited and in good spirits.

Following are just a few reminders for the start of the year for students and families.

a) Timetable

Students can now access their Semester 1 timetable on SIMON. On Monday we will start with Pastoral Care in periods 1 and 2. Periods 3-5 will be as per the timetable.

b) Uniform

All students should wear the formal school uniform on Monday (not PE) as there will be no PE practical classes.

c) School Start and Finish Times

School will start at 8.40am and finish at 3.10pm **every day**, including Wednesday.

d) Face Masks

Students need to carry a face mask at all times. Face masks must be worn at the following times:

- In the school canteen
- When travelling to and from school on public transport.
- When travelling on school buses for excursions.
- When teachers ask that masks need to be worn due to the nature of the learning activity.

At other times, particularly when social distancing of 1.5 metres is not possible, it is **recommended** that students wear masks but it is not compulsory.

Students and families are reminded that this is an evolving situation and that advice could well change very quickly.

When wearing face masks, students need to:

- a) Wash their hands thoroughly before putting on the mask and after taking it off.
- b) Not touch their nose, eyes or mouth whilst wearing the mask to prevent contamination.
- c) Remove the mask using the ear bands rather than touching the mask itself.
- d) Use an appropriate mask.
- e) If it is a multiple use mask, it must be washed after each use.
- f) The face mask needs to cover your mouth and nose. Do not wear it around your neck.

Please remember, that the wearing of a mask does not replace washing your hands frequently, avoiding touching your face and practising social distancing.

e) Staying COVID Safe

We can all ensure the safety of everyone in our school community by:

1. Staying home if we are unwell.
2. Following directions regarding the wearing of face masks.
3. Practicing physical distancing where we can.
4. Following good hygiene practices.

It is important that you stay at home if you are unwell.

To stop the spread of the coronavirus, we recommend that you seek medical advice if you have any of the symptoms of a cold or flu (fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath or runny nose).

f) Student Entry and Exit to the School

Entry and exit to the College will be via the following gates:

- a) Theodore Street Gate (near Room 8).
- b) Williams Gate (Between Rooms 33 and 34).
- c) Winifred Street Gate (Between the Hall and Arts Building).

After the challenges of last year, we are all looking forward to a settled, enjoyable and productive school year. I look forward to the return of the full school on Monday.

Yours sincerely,



Christina Utri
Principal