

27 July 2021

Dear Students and Families,

Earlier today we received the really good news that students and staff return to school tomorrow, Wednesday 28 July. I am sure that everyone was delighted to hear this. Thank you to students, staff and parents for your efforts over the past two weeks, once again we have all worked together really well to ensure that learning continues quite seamlessly, even under challenging circumstances.

On Wednesdays all students have Pastoral Care in period 1 so this will provide the space and time for staff and students to revisit COVID safe practices and to touch base with each other.

Below is some information about the return to school. This is based on what we know at the moment and could change over the next few days after we receive the updated Operations Guide from MACS.

Return to School: A Quick Guide

To ensure that the transition back to school is as safe as possible; students and families are reminded of the following:

- Face masks need to be worn at all times, inside and outside, unless students and staff have an exemption. Teachers are able to remove masks when teaching.
- Masks must be fitted and worn correctly, covering the nose and mouth.
- Students must stay at home if they are unwell and are encouraged to get a COVID test if they have even mild flu or cold like symptoms.
- Frequent handwashing is encouraged; 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.
- The Canteen is open.
- Students need to bring a drink bottle as drinking fountains cannot be used.
- Food cannot be shared.
- Entry and exit to the school is via the Theodore, Arthur and Winfred Street gates.
- Students cannot enter or exit via the school office or the entry beside the office.
- A decision on after school activities will be made once we have more information from MACS. There will be no after school activities tomorrow (Wednesday). However, the Library and Rooms 36 and 37 will be open for Homework Club or for students who wait for their families.
- Access to the school site is restricted to school staff, students and essential visitors only.

- We are yet to get advice about families on the school grounds, therefore, we ask that where possible, parents and guardians contact the school by phone, rather than visiting.
- Families are asked not to congregate outside the school.
- If families do come to the school, they will need to use the QR code at the front office.

The school will continue an enhanced cleaning routine. This includes 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. It will be great to see everyone back tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Christina Utri', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Christina Utri
Principal