



## COVID-19 Communications

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### School Organisational Update

1. Students in Years 7 – 11 will return to school for 1 day/week from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May. This will be managed through House groups as follows:

- **Popran** – Mondays (Surnames Q-Z Year 7 and R-Z Years 8-11)
- **Bouddi** – Tuesdays (Surnames A-E)
- **Girrakool** – Thursdays (Surnames L- R Year 7 and L-Q Years 8-11)
- **Dharug** - Fridays (Surnames F-K)

This organisation allows for families, as much as possible to come to school at the same time. We are aware that the primary schools have their own organisation and that our plan may not be ideal for every family. If it suits your family, to have all your children attending school on the same day (from Years K-11), then please contact the school, so that we can modify your child's schedule. We ask for your support in not requesting changes just because of friendship groups. This organisation is likely to only be for a short time and students will be back at school on a more regular basis as the term proceeds. During this initial return to school, we will be implementing social distancing procedures that will see only 10-12 students in a classroom, staggered breaks and staggered starting and finishing times. Again, these protocols will become more relaxed as the Department of Health and the DoE indicate that safety of students and staff is not compromised.

Please Note: Students in Year 11 will be rostered on for additional days if the 1 day/week return rate is extended for a period of time.

2. Students in Year 12 will return to school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Wednesday mornings will also be utilised for students to work on major projects.
3. If you choose to keep your child at home, rather than come to school on their rostered day(s) during this crisis, then you must contact the school to let them know of your decision. Students will only be marked as absent on these days if we have no contact with the parents and/or no work is being completed.

4. A new modified timetable has been developed that will support students working at home and those onsite. This timetable will continue to operate from Weeks 3- 10 of Term 2.
5. Students in Years 11 and 12 will be timetabled according to their subject lines, ensuring that they have enough hours to complete their studies for the HSC and Preliminary RoSA. Measures will be taken during Term 3 to address any areas that may need more support (e.g. practical competencies).

The latest NESA update for Years 7 -10 states that teachers do not need to cover all outcomes in the K to 10 syllabuses this year and should focus on essential learning and wellbeing of students. Provided that all students continue to engage with the learning provided by teachers and supported by teachers and SLSOs, they will meet the requirements for the year and progress readily into the next year of learning in 2021. We will send out a more detailed organisational update by early next week.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

Anne Vine