



# ST GEORGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Carers

## **Transition Plan for the Return to School by all Students in Term 2**

We have come to the end of the first week of Term 2 with students largely working from home.

We have seen some increase in students returning to school, whose parents are essential workers or for other reasons.

We have had some Year 12 incursions, which have involved small groups of Year 12 students working with their teachers on the School campus, particularly where a student has to use specialist facilities or equipment.

The School's cleaning program has increased significantly from what was normal and will continue to increase in breadth and frequency.

As outlined in my letter to you last week, the School is moving to a gradual return of students to normal face to face teaching, guided by the NSW Government and the Federal Government and their respective Health Department's advice.

This letter is to inform you of the school's plan to see the full time return of students this term.

The advice from Professor Murphy, the Australian Chief Medical Officer, based on particular research into schools and COVID-19 is that schools are now regarded as safe places for children to be as there is a relatively low risk of infection spread within schools.

The Federal Minister for Education is therefore strongly encouraging the planned return of students to normal schooling and the Premier of NSW is similarly encouraging the return of students, full time to school this term.

To assist you with your planning, and subject to any government directive otherwise, the School's plan for Term 2 is:

### **Week 1 and week 2 (28 April – 8 May), the following guidelines will apply:**

- The same arrangements apply as in the last weeks of Term 1.
- Students whose parents are essential workers or other particular students attend as required.
- No child will be turned away, the School is open for families who need it.
- Online/remote learning at home will continue.

- Families are encouraged to keep their child at home wherever possible.
- All government health advice should be followed, so that any child that is unwell should be kept at home.
- Any child exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will be isolated and parents/carers will be required to promptly collect them.
- Physical distancing practices and restricted access to visitors, including parents and carers will continue to apply.
- Parents should not be on site without written permission from your child's Head of Department, or the Principal. Access to the Uniform Shop on the Hurstville Campus is permitted by signing in through the main office Reception on Bellevue Parade.
- Year 12 incursions as advised by Year 12 class teachers, as relevant.

**Week 3 and week 4 (11 May – 22 May), the following guidelines will apply:**

- Each student from Kindergarten to Year 11 will be rostered to attend school for one day per week.
- Your child's Head of Department will advise you of the specific planned arrangements for your child by email to you by Monday, if you have not already received this.
- These arrangements are slightly different between departments and have been organised in Infants and Junior School to ensure siblings attend on the same day, regardless of their year.
- Year 12 are invited with parent permission to attend school full time as normal as advised in an email from Mrs Lee to parents and students sent on Monday this week.
- Students whose parents are essential workers or other particular students attend as required.
- No child will be turned away, the School is open for families who need it.
- Online/remote learning at home for the days when a student isn't at school.
- Families are encouraged to keep their child at home wherever possible.
- All government health advice should be followed, so that any child that is unwell should be kept at home.
- Any child exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will be isolated and parents/carers will be required to promptly collect them.
- Physical distancing practices and restricted access to visitors, including parents and carers will continue to apply.
- Parents should not be on site without written permission from their child's Head of Department, or the Principal. Access to the Uniform Shop on the Hurstville Campus is permitted by signing in through the main office Reception on Bellevue Parade.
- Best practice is to drop off and to pick your child up at the gate and for parents not to congregate on the footpaths. Parents and carers should strictly practice physical distancing and hygiene protocols.

**Week 5 (25 May) onward, the following guidelines will apply:**

- Each student from Kindergarten to Year 12 will return to school full time at their respective campus.
- Learning at school will resume as normal.
- Students who are in an at-risk health category (e.g. Immunocompromised) and therefore unable to return to school should contact their child's Head of Department.
- Normal roll marking of students will resume.
- All government health advice should be followed, so that any child that is unwell should be kept at home.
- Any child exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will be isolated and parents/carers will be required to promptly collect them.
- Physical distancing practices and restricted access to visitors, including parents and carers will continue to apply.

- Parents should not be on site without written permission from your child's Head of Department, or the Principal. Access to the Uniform Shop on the Hurstville Campus is permitted by signing in through the main office Reception on Bellevue Parade.
- Best practice is to drop off and to pick your child up at the gate and for parents not to congregate on the footpaths. Parents and carers should strictly practice physical distancing and hygiene protocols.
- The commencement of some school programs, such as off-site sport and excursions will be dependent on Health Department advice and the School's plan.
- Communications with staff should be via phone or email, rather than face to face.
- Lunch orders and Café 12 will be open to students and staff only.

Thank you for your support and generous encouragement of staff as we have been operating under such unprecedented conditions and now **as we return to students being fully at school from Week 5, 25 May.**

Please continue to keep in contact through the channels established by your child's Head of Department to ensure you and your child are getting the support you need.

We are greatly looking forward to seeing your child return to school gradually this term and fully in week 5!

*Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 106:1*

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Honor', with a stylized, cursive script.

**James Honor**

**Principal**