



ST PIUS X COLLEGE

CHATSWOOD

From the Principal
Mr John Couani

23 March 2020

Dear parents and caregivers

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ALL STUDENTS YEARS 5 - 12

As you will be aware, the College has been preparing for the continuity of learning for its students for some time. Following the advice of the Prime Minister last night, the NSW Premier advised this morning that schools were to remain open.

The Premier also advised:

- “From tomorrow, in NSW, for practical reasons, parents are encouraged to keep their children at home.”
- There is to be “only one unit of work, whether the student is at home or at school.
- No child will be turned away from school.”

The full text may be found at:

<https://preview.nsw.gov.au/news/new-covid-19-restrictions-begin-as-schools-move-towards-online-learning>

As a result, the College remains open and we are now transitioning to our Off Campus Learning Plan. This is attached.

The schedule for the remainder of the term is as follows:

TUESDAY 24 MARCH

The College will provide classes as per the usual timetable as well as providing work on the College’s portal and online learning platforms to the best of our ability.

If your son will be absent tomorrow, please notify the College in the usual manner.

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH

There will be a **Staff Development Day on Wednesday 25 March**. There will be no classes.

The College will provide supervision for those families who need to send their son/s to school. Please complete the attached single question survey regarding student attendance on Wednesday.

https://spxchatswood.formstack.com/forms/non_teaching_day_attendance_mar2020

The College canteen will be closed on Wednesday. Any student attending will need to bring their morning tea and lunch.

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THURSDAY 26 MARCH – THURSDAY 9 APRIL

The College will provide online learning for students that will be the same both at home or at school. There will be supervision provided at school for students who attend.

SOCIAL DISTANCING AND HYGIENE

The College has introduced staggered lunchtimes for the Junior and Senior School for Recess and Lunch. Supervision will provide for social distancing between students.

The College continues to follow all health regulations regarding good hygiene practices for all on site.

COLLEGE COUNSELLORS

Mr Rick Russo

Counsellor (Full time Monday to Friday) working with students across all year groups.

Email: rrusso@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au Direct Phone: 9414-4359

Mrs Joe McCarthy

Psychologist (2 days per week: Tuesday and Thursday) working with students across all year groups.

Email: jmccarthy@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au Direct Phone: 9414-4322

Mrs Judy Gill

Psychologist (2 days per week: Monday and Wednesday) working with student across all year groups.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information and support contact:

- call the National Coronavirus Health Information line (1800 020 080)
- review the [NSW Health COVID-19 website](#) for the latest information and advice
- refer to the [Catholic Schools NSW website](#) for updates
- obtain help and information from your local General Practitioner or Community Health Centre

In closing, I sincerely appreciate the efforts of staff, the cooperation of students and wonderful support of parents.

I thank you all again.

Yours sincerely



John Couani
Principal