



# ST PIUS X COLLEGE

## CHATSWOOD

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### COVID-19 UPDATE - PROGRESSIVE RETURN TO FACE TO FACE CLASSES

I am delighted to advise the College community that from the commencement of Week 3, Monday 11 May, we will progressively reintroduce face to face classroom teaching.

The program for Term 2 Weeks 3-5 is below, and we will be carefully monitoring this program with a view to increasing to a full return to face to face teaching by Term 3 or earlier. This plan remains under active consideration and review. Further planning continues for Week 6 and beyond.

<b>WK 3</b>	<b>MONDAY DAY 1</b>	<b>TUESDAY DAY 2</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY DAY 3</b>	<b>THURSDAY DAY 4</b>	<b>FRIDAY DAY 5</b>
12	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL
11	Online	SCHOOL	Online	Online	SCHOOL
11 Maths Accelerants#	School/Online	SCHOOL	School/Online	School/Online	SCHOOL
10	Online	Online	Online	SCHOOL	Online
9	Online	Online	SCHOOL	Online	Online
8	Online	Online	Online	Online	SCHOOL
7	SCHOOL	Online	Online	Online	Online
6	Online	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	Online	Online
5	SCHOOL	Online	Online	Online	SCHOOL

Year 11 Maths Accelerants attend full time (attend Maths and then remaining lessons online in library).

Supervision is available at school for students from families of essential workers. These students will be from varying Year Groups. Their online learning days will be in the Senior Library.

<b>WK 4</b>	<b>MONDAY DAY 6</b>	<b>TUESDAY DAY 7</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY DAY 8</b>	<b>THURSDAY DAY 9</b>	<b>FRIDAY DAY 10</b>
12	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL
11	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL
10	Online	Online	Online	SCHOOL	Online
9	Online	Online	SCHOOL	Online	Online
8	Online	Online	Online	Online	SCHOOL
7	SCHOOL	Online	Online	Online	Online
6	Online	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL *	Online
5	SCHOOL	Online	Online	SCHOOL *	SCHOOL

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<b>Wk 5</b>	<b>MONDAY DAY 1</b>	<b>TUESDAY DAY 2</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY DAY 3</b>	<b>THURSDAY DAY 4</b>	<b>FRIDAY DAY 5</b>
12	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL
11	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL
10	SCHOOL	Online	Online	SCHOOL	Online
9	Online	Online	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	Online
8	Online	SCHOOL	Online	Online	SCHOOL
7	SCHOOL	SCHOOL*	Online	Online	Online
6	Online	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL *	Online
5	SCHOOL	Online	Online	SCHOOL *	SCHOOL

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## **STUDENT ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL**

Attendance from students should be as per the above tables. Where a student is unable to attend either online learning or face to face lessons due to illness or other reasons, parents must contact the College following the usual procedure.

If parents choose not to send their son to school due to a pre-determined health condition, please contact your son's Year Coordinator to ensure that continuity of learning can be arranged.

## **HEALTH AND HYGIENE**

In order to maintain a safe and hygienic environment for all, the College has staggered the return to school and we have extended the extensive cleaning and sanitising practices of school facilities. We will be insisting on hygienic behaviours from all student upon their return.

We will emphasise with students the need to follow personal hygiene practices outlined below:

- regularly wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or using hand sanitiser, (dispensers are now located in high traffic areas,) at regular intervals throughout the day, particularly before and after eating, and after going to the toilet;
- cover coughs and sneezes with one's elbow or a tissue;
- place used tissues straight into the bin;
- avoid touching one's eyes, nose and mouth and face.

### **Student Areas**

We also have included a range of further hygiene practices for the students such as:

- cleaning and sanitising classrooms every night;
- cleaning and sanitising of the student playground areas including toilets and lunch tables;
- increasing the amount of fresh air by opening classroom windows and doors where possible;
- all student bubblers and water fountains have been decommissioned. Students are required to bring their own water bottles to school or purchase water from the canteen;
- ensuring the 'hands off' rule with other students;
- students must not share food or drink.

## **SOCIAL DISTANCING IN SCHOOLS**

Prime Minister Scott Morrison and the NSW Government have made it very clear that the 1.5m and 4m<sup>2</sup> social distancing rules do not apply in schools but we are emphasising good personal distancing. In classrooms we will keep students at a reasonable separation.

The staff areas are following very high hygienic and health practices appropriate to our workplace.

## **STUDENT UNIFORM**

Students need to wear full winter school uniform when attending classes face to face from Week 3.

## **PARENTS AND VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL**

Parents and visitors to the school will be discouraged. However the Uniform Shop will need to remain open. Volunteer parents in the canteen are still most necessary. All parents and visitors will be asked to use hand sanitisers on arrival.

At the end of each school day, we will assist parents waiting outside the school by placing social distance markers on the pavement.

## **SPORT**

During Term 2 there is no interschool ISA or IPSHA competition sport. As the term progresses, consideration will be given to resuming training.

The Sarto Gym remains closed to student and staff use.

## **MUSIC TUITION AND ENSEMBLES**

From Week 3 Music tuition will continue in a mix of online and face to face instruction on the days when students are in attendance.

The Ensemble Program will recommence from Week 4 in a modified format as the students return to the College.

## **COVIDSAFE APP**

The Government is encouraging all of us to download the COVIDSAFE APP. I have done so and encourage others to do the same. It is intended to help identify hotspots and enable a quick response. I understand the reservations some have due to privacy reasons and it is a personal decision.

## **CONCLUSION**

The staff are looking forward to welcoming the students back with great anticipation and the students are very excited to be able to return to school in the near future.

I thank all parents, students and staff for their continuing support of the College.

*Mr Couani*

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