



ST PIUS X COLLEGE

CHATSWOOD

24 April 2020

Dear parents, carers and students

I hope you are all well and that the Easter break has been a good one for you and your family. We celebrated the Risen Christ in a different way this year without our regular Church services but the message of hope has never been more powerful or relevant than in our world today. I hope that you have been able to enjoy this beautiful Easter weather.

At the College, we look forward to the recommencement of classes in Term 2.

There have been considerable developments at the Government level regarding the COVID-19 school regulations over the past two weeks. The College Leadership Team has taken advice from the NSW State Government, EREA and Catholic Schools NSW and I provide for you the following outline for the beginning of Term Two.

The College is following the Guidelines for NSW schools and will be open as per the College calendar and we are responding in the most appropriate way to suit our school's circumstances.

Weeks 1 and 2 - 27 April to 8 May 2020

- **27 April is a Staff Day** devoted to planning and preparing for the coming Term. There will be no supervision offered to students on that day.
- **28 April** the College will recommence online learning for all classes. Lessons will be conducted online via TEAMS. Supervision of students at school will be available. Students will complete their online learning under supervision by College staff.

This online return will be the first stage of a phased return to full schooling. Please find attached a fuller version of the College Online Learning Plan. Students are expected to undertake their normal school program as per their timetable while they are at home. Following is an outline of what is expected of students as we recommence online learning.

- Students must follow their usual school timetable.
- School commences with Homeroom at 8.45am every day and all students must be online through TEAMS and ready for roll call. If students are ill or unable to attend school, parents will still need to advise the College by either emailing studentmanagement@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au or via the portal: <http://iwise.stpiusx.nsw.edu.au/igloo/portal> or by phoning the College Office 9411 4733.
- Lessons will commence in Microsoft TEAMS. Classes will end 5-10 minutes earlier than usual to provide students a short break between lessons to be ready for the start of their next class.
- Students should be ready on time for the beginning of each of their classes as scheduled in their normal timetable.
- Students should wear clothes appropriate to a normal mufti day as per the Student College Code of Conduct in the Student Diary and the school sports uniform is also appropriate.
- Students should also attend to grooming – hoodies down and caps off. Some students will need a haircut and others a shave. This will be checked at roll call and in classes.
- Online education is most effective when students take responsibility for their own learning.

Parents are asked to support these protocols and to assist the school in transitioning back to learning for all.

Week 3 and beyond - commencing Monday 11 May.

Premier Berejiklian announced last Tuesday 21 April that from Monday 11 May:

“Schools will progressively return to face-to-face learning in Week Three of Term 2. Under these changes, from Week Three of Term 2, every student will be attending school for one day a week. We will look to increase the number of days students are at school in a staged way and hope to have all children back at school full-time by Term 3.”

The College is presently preparing its program for the staged return of students from Week 3 and further details will be provided to parents and students over the next two weeks regarding this gradual return to school. We will certainly give priority to Year 12 and our Year 11 HSC students.

The safety and hygiene of all students and staff is of the highest priority and the school is being specially cleaned and sanitised with additional cleaning each day. There will be additional stations for hand cleaning and protocols for social interactions and ensuring hygienic practices for all.

The Uniform Shop will be open with appointments only from Tuesday 28 April to Thursday 7 May. Please book an appointment through Trybooking from 2 pm on Monday 27 April with the following link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/623213>

Once again, I look forward to the return to school for Term 2 and I will keep you informed primarily through Woodchatta, the communications of the Year Coordinators and the College App.

Let us look forward to working together as St Pius X College community to overcome the challenges of the present times and provide for each student with an authentic Catholic education in the Edmund Rice tradition.

Yours sincerely



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