



ST PIUS X COLLEGE

CHATSWOOD

7 July 2021

Dear Parents and caregivers

In writing to you today can I firstly offer my appreciation to Mr Mark Casey and the College Leadership Team for the opportunity of my leave in Term 2. I am very keen to return and look forward to reconnecting with everyone.

As you would be aware, the NSW Government has directed schools to commence Term 3 Week 1 via online learning. As a result, on **Tuesday 13 July St Pius X College will commence all classes online.**

Attached is the College's Online Learning Plan.

All classes will be conducted online. Students must be logged on and ready for Homeroom roll-call at 8.40am each morning. Every lesson will have a roll-call.

COLLEGE RESTRICTIONS

The College will continue to monitor the NSW Government advice and modify restrictions at the school. In summary I advise the following restrictions are in place:

- No parents or visitors are permitted on the College site. Only essential deliveries are permissible and must register using the NSW QR Reader.
- Any staff who enter the College site have an exemption but must login using the NSW COVID-19 QR Reader.
- Students have an exemption to come to the school on **Monday 12 July between 10.00am - 3.00pm to collect books and equipment from their locker or visit the ICT Helpdesk which will operate out of the College gym for this day.** Students must leave once they have completed their business.
- From Tuesday to Friday, supervision will be provided for children of essential workers. This is a very limited provision and parents are asked to only send their son if it is absolutely necessary. This is to minimise movement within the community. Students under supervision will follow the online program as for all other students. These students should be in normal school uniform, arriving at the usual time, assemble at 8.42am in the Junior school playground and supervision will be in C Block. No face-to-face classes will be held. There will be no canteen provision and students must bring their own morning tea, lunch and water bottle.
- There will be no sport training or competition in Week 1. This includes the cancellation of competition on Saturday 17 July.
- Performing Arts co-curricula activities will be covered by a separate communication from the Performing Arts staff.
- The College Sarto Gym remains closed.
- All COVID-19 health and safety precautions remain in place including handwashing, sanitising and the daily cleaning of all major school areas and toilets. Masks are not mandatory in schools however, any staff or students who wish to wear masks are encouraged to do so.

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ONGOING COMMUNICATION

I will continue to regularly communicate with parents on a daily basis over the coming days to provide updates on restrictions and changes to the College Program.

- Year 12 parents and students and Year 11 HSC accelerants will have a separate communication from me outlining the exemptions for completion of major works.
- Year 7-11 Year Coordinators will communicate specifics for each group.
- Mr Long will communicate with the Junior school parents regarding provisions for the Junior school.

In closing, I appreciate the support of the St Pius X College community in assisting with the compliance of NSW Government Health and Education Policy. We will continue to provide the best Catholic education for your son and if you have concerns about your son's wellbeing, please contact your son's Year Coordinator, Junior school staff member or one of the College Counsellors.

Through these provisions we all hope that NSW will overcome the current COVID-19 outbreak and return to face-to-face education as soon as possible. Be sure that I will keep you informed and up to date as the current circumstances unfold.

Yours sincerely



John Couani
Principal