

9 July 2021

Dear parents and carers

I write to you again today in the genuine hope that you and your family are keeping safe and following the NSW Health guidelines to look after one another.

The Premier has tightened the regulations further today and the College will respond positively and in every way endeavour to provide for the learning needs of our young men.

MAJOR POINTS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

- The NSW Government is restricting movement significantly and as such parents should send their son to school for supervision **only if it is absolutely essential**. Children of essential workers may attend school from Tuesday 13 July and must wear a mask. They will be supervised in C Block and follow the Online Learning Plan under supervision.
- Students may collect any resources and equipment from their lockers on Monday 12 July from 10.00am 3.00pm. Students must wear a mask and should collect their resources and leave the school immediately.
- Online learning will commence with roll-call at 8.42am on Tuesday 13 July.

MASKS TO BE WORN BY ALL STUDENTS (YEAR 5-12) AND STAFF

The College has decided that all students Year 5-12 must wear a mask indoors. This is to make uniform the procedures at school and keep everyone safe. It is therefore mandatory for all staff and students to wear a mask indoors. Students must bring their own mask. Masks are compulsory on public transport.

STUDENT WELLBEING AND COUNSELLING SUPPORT

If you have any concerns about your son's wellbeing, you are encouraged to contact the Year Coordinator or one of the College Counsellors.

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YEAR 12 STUDENTS AND YEAR 11 ACCELERANT STUDENTS

The CSSA has decided that the HSC Trials will now commence in Week 5 from Monday 9 August until Monday 23 August. Mr Lynch, the Year 12 Coordinator will send a Year 12 Bulletin to parents today including the revised HSC Trial timetable.

This decision will also impact the Year 12 Retreat Program and the College is revising its calendar and this program for the second half of Term 3. More details will be published once these arrangements have been finalised.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

During this time, I understand that there may be some families who need financial assistance. Please contact Nick Carson, the College Business Manager on 9411 4733 or <u>ncarson@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au</u>.

ONGOING COMMUNICATION

I ask that parents share these communications with their son. I understand that there has been a significant amount of information sent from the school to you, not just my letters, but the Year Coordinators and staff have been very active in making clear the arrangements for next week.

I strongly urge all parents to thoroughly read the information sent home.

Next week, I will continue to write each day to parents and there will be a very informative Woodchatta edition as usual on Wednesday.

Yours sincerely

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John Couani **Principal**