

30 September 2021

Dear parents and carers

I hope that this letter finds you well and that you have enjoyed some quality family time during these school holidays. The College is looking forward to a great Term 4 and the return to face-to-face learning as the term progresses.

START TERM 4

Term 4 commences **online** from **Tuesday 5 October** with **Homeroom at 8.42am**. There will be a full school online **Assembly at 8.55am**. Lesson 1 will commence at 9.10am.

RETURN TO FACE-TO-FACE TEACHING

The NSW Government has advised schools today that the timeline for the return to face-to-face teaching has been brought forward by a week as shown below.

The College is currently revising the COVID-19 Safety Protocols and these will be communicated early in Term 4.



NEW RETURN TO SCHOOL ROADMAP

18 October 2021

Kindergarten, Year 1 & Year 12

25 October 2021

Year 2, Year 6, Year 11

1 November 2021

Remaining Grades

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MR TIM LONG - HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

It is with great respect, admiration and deep appreciation for 17 years' service that I announce that Mr Long has advised me of his decision to conclude his time at St Pius X College at the end of the 2021 school year. Mr Long will take a period of Long Service Leave in 2022 after which he will look to recommence his career the way he began many years ago — as a classroom teacher closer to home. Mr Long's passion has always been in teaching and nurturing his students' growth and development in every way.

Mr Long began at St Pius X College in 2005 and followed Sr Ann Harrison as Head of the Junior School. He was the first lay leader of the Junior School and has served the College well for 17 years. Mr Long cares for every student who has come through the College in all those years, and I know this is a huge decision for him because he loves the school and the students. He is a true professional esteemed by his colleagues, and indeed, students and parents deeply appreciate his leadership and care for the boys.

Mr Long has been a key member of the Leadership Team during his time at the College and we offer our thanks to him for his leadership, collegiality and professional contribution.

The Junior School is in great order due to Mr Long's strong leadership and the outstanding teachers and staff who ensure the best of boys' education is evident in our Primary setting and the students are so well prepared for their Secondary education.

Again, I offer my thanks to Mr Long on behalf of the students, parents and staff. We look forward to an opportunity at the end of the year to show our appreciation to Mr Long.

The College will commence the process of recruitment to this position from Saturday 2 October. Details of this position will be in the SMH, Teachers on Net, Catholic Jobs Online and on our College website.

BEST WISHES FOR TERM 4

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In closing, I wish all students a very successful term 4. In a particular way, I pray for our HSC students as they prepare to complete their HSC examinations which begin on 9 November at Oxford Falls to culminate their years of learning at St Pius X College.

Yours sincerely

John Couani

Principal