22 October 2021

**COVID-19 Update** 

Dear Students, Parents/Caregivers,

Hopefully, this is the final COVID update I write and there will be no further disruption to student learning this year.

Just as a reminder, all students are expected to return to face to face learning next week, Monday 25 October. This week we have had Year 12 students onsite, and it has been wonderful to see them so positive and engaged.

When students return next week, they will need to come with their own face masks and be prepared to adapt to some changes in order to follow COVID safe practices implemented by the Department of Education.

• The situation with **Year 12** continues to unfold and they will be expected to **attend all lessons** until the end of next week, Friday 29 October.

Following this Year 12 students will be on STUVAC until the commencement of the HSC on 9 November. By now all students should have received individual HSC Timetables with their exam venues attached. During the HSC students should check their DoE email and Year 12 CANVAS page each day in the event that the school needs to move the

exams to alternate venues due to a case of COVID. If there is such an occurrence the school will provide details of the new venue and transport options via these communication channels.

The Department of Education and Department of Health have determined that student graduation cannot take place until after the completion of the HSC. Consequently, graduation will now take place at 5:00 PM on Tuesday 14 December followed by the formal on Wednesday night 15 December.

To assist with the safe return students and staff will need to abide by the following conditions:

- All students and staff will need to wear masks both indoors and outdoors unless they are eating or involved in intensive exercise.
- Students will be allocated playground areas for recess and lunch according to their cohort. These are:

Year 11 and 12 – Piazza and lower playground

Year 9 and 10 – Top playground and Serpentine wall

- Year 7 and 8 J Block balconies and oval
- The Basketball courts will be only used for PD/H/PE lessons and will not be open at recess and lunch.
- Students may wear their PE uniform all day on the days they have practical PE lessons
- Canteen access will be via strict cohort queues
- Parents are encouraged to have their children vaccinated
- All school staff who are onsite are fully vaccinated.

Thank you for your many messages of support and gratitude over the period of the lockdown. These have been greatly appreciated by staff who have been absolutely magnificent for the full seventeen weeks of lock down.

As always, if you have questions or concerns relating to this update, please contact the school via email on <u>cths@cths.nsw.edu.au</u>.

Yours sincerely

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