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Dear Parents, Carers and students

Today we commenced the reintegration of students to face-to face teaching as outlined in the correspondence sent to all families in the first week of term. The health and safety of staff and students remains the guiding principle in the implementation of this plan and I ask all families to stress upon their son(s) the importance of following the health and hygiene guidelines that have been established. It is important that any staff member or student who displays any signs and symptoms of the coronavirus does not attend school. The College will take a strong stance on sending staff and students home who present with any of the signs and symptoms.

We are looking forward and encourage all boys to return to school on their timetabled day but understand that some families may still have some reservations regarding school attendance. Teaching staff will be faced with a challenging time throughout this next stage of transition as many of their students will be in class while some remain at home continuing with online learning. Teachers will therefore be adopting a one mode of learning approach to their teaching. Their core responsibility will be the students that are in their classrooms on their timetabled day. Teachers will prepare and teach their lesson as per normal and will commence the lesson with a Teams meeting, allowing students who may be working from home the opportunity to participate online. In most subjects, the Teams meeting will remain open throughout the lesson and teachers will do their best in attempting to respond to any questions of students at home remembering that the students in class each day remain their main priority. Teachers will mark student attendance each lesson, including students who are participating online. Students who are not in class and are not engaged in the Teams meeting will be marked absent. The lesson content will continue to be available on the Student Portal. As you can imagine this may take some time for both teachers and students to adjust to, and we ask for your support and patience with this process.

If the occupation of parents is in essential services or if a parent has returned to work and a student cannot work from home, supervision will continue to be provided at the College throughout the week. These students will continue with their online learning and teachers will be on hand to provide assistance. Parents are asked to follow normal procedures in notifying the College if their son will not be attending school on their timetabled day.

The timetable for attendance appears below.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 12	Year 12	Year 12	Year 12	Year 10
Year 11	Year 7		Year 9	Year 8

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 4321 6400, or at principal@stedwards.nsw.edu.au if you have any questions or would like to discuss the information outlined in this letter.

Yours sincerely

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