



27 August 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

The plan that we have established regarding Home-Based Learning will continue for the remainder of the term in accordance with the NSW Government announcement at today's press conference. We have also received advice that the reintegration of students to face-to-face learning will commence with a staggered return commencing with Year 12 on October 25 and Year 11 on November 1. Many questions remain about how the return of students to face-to-face learning will be staged. As more detailed advice about the health and safety protocols is provided by the NSW Government, we will establish a plan for our context and share with families.

Teachers are reporting a high level of student participation in lessons, and we will continue to monitor student attendance and engagement. We are aware however that some of our students may be experiencing difficulty in maintaining motivation now that the lockdown has extended for much longer than originally anticipated. We encourage students to do the best they can to stay focused, engage in lessons each day and seek feedback from their teachers on class work or assessment. Their efforts so far have been outstanding and we will continue to support them with their learning online as best we can until a time when we can return to school.

The timetable structure will remain the same up until the end of the term with students in Year 7-10 continuing with four periods per day from Monday to Thursday, with screen free time scheduled during the period 3 timeslot. The timetabled lessons will be once again amended for the commencement of next week, to alternate the class that has been cancelled to create the free time each day. Student timetables on the portal will reflect this change. Year 7-10 students will continue to participate in three lessons on Friday with no lessons scheduled for Friday afternoon to allow all students a break from their screens during which they are encouraged to participate in activities that promote their health and wellbeing.

Year 12 students have commenced their final HSC assessments online and will complete these by the end of Week 9 and then continue to participate in lessons on-line for the remainder of the term. We will provide a specific update to Year 12 students and their families as further information is provided about the commencement of face-to-face learning on October 25 and the rescheduled HSC Exam timetable as announced this morning by the Premier of NSW (*It was announced at this morning's press conference that the HSC Exams have now been rescheduled to commence on November 9*). Year 11 students will commence a similar process for assessment in Weeks 9 and 10 of this term, to complete the Preliminary Course by the end of the term. We wish our Year 11 and 12 students the best of luck in these final assessments.

A reminder that Pastoral Leaders are on hand to offer support and the Parent Support Line allows parents and carers to book a phone consultation with one of the College Counsellors. It provides a safe place for families to discuss issues or concerns that they may be experiencing themselves or with their sons. The Parent Support line can be accessed on the College website using the following link: [Parent Support Line](#).

Pastoral Leaders will continue to conduct the Microsoft Teams meeting with each Year group on a fortnightly basis on Tuesday mornings at 8.40am and these will be completed in time for the boys to attend their first lesson.

If students experience technical difficulties, they can contact our Information Services department at: helpdesk@stedwards.nsw.edu.au or by phone on 4321 6444 between 9am – 3pm.





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Supervision will continue to be provided at the College from Monday to Thursday from 8.00am until 3.00pm and on Friday from 8.00am until 12.30pm for students who have parents who are essential workers and believe that it is essential that their son attends school. It is **mandatory for all staff and students** who attend school, to wear a mask at all times while at school and travelling to and from school. Students are required to bring their own mask.

College staff will be answering calls on 4321 6400 throughout each day between the hours of 8.00am and 3.30pm Monday to Thursday and 8.00am to 1.00pm on Fridays, to answer any questions or refer queries on to the appropriate member of staff. Parents are also able to email info@stedwards.nsw.edu.au.

Thank you once again for your support throughout this term, and I look forward to the day when we can all return to school as normal. 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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