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Dear Parents and Carers

As we commence the staggered return of students today, I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents, carers and students of the important guidelines that govern this return, to ensure the safety and well-being of all members of the community.

Timetable

- The staggered return will follow the timetable distributed to families last week. This timetable can be accessed via the following link: [Level 3 Plus Staged Return Plan](#)
- While students are on campus they will revert to our normal five period timetable, with additional classes to be scheduled on Friday afternoon for Year 7-11 when they are on campus. While students are participating in Home-Based Learning, they will continue with the current timetabled arrangements with no classes scheduled during the period three timeslot for Years 7-10 on Friday afternoons.

Health and Safety

- Any students or staff who displays signs and symptoms of COVID-19 are not permitted to attend school. The College will take a strong stance on sending home any staff member or student who presents with any of the signs and symptoms as per the Government Department of Health website advice: fever, coughing, sore throat, shortness of breath.
- Any staff member or students who is asked to return home will be required to provide a negative COVID-19 test before they return to school.
- We ask for the support of parents and carers with this advice. If your child displays any of these symptoms, please keep them home from school and have them tested.

Mask Wearing

The advice regarding staff and students wearing masks while at school has been updated since my correspondence last week.

- All staff and students are required to wear a mask while indoors.
- Students are **no longer** required to wear a mask while outdoors.
- Students are required to wear a mask while travelling to and from school by bus.
- Students will be required to wear a mask when entering the canteen.
- Students who for medical reasons are unable to wear a mask must provide a medical certificate which they carry with them throughout the day and produce on request.
- Students are required to bring their own masks to school.





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The current health advice suggests that the wearing of masks is one of the key safety measures in minimising the risk of contracting COVID-19. We ask for the support of parents and carers with these protocols. Ensure that your son has his mask with him before leaving home and if possible, provide them with a spare mask so that in the event his mask is lost or broken he will have a replacement.

We will continue to monitor the changing NSW Government COVID-19 Health advice and will amend our return to school plan accordingly.

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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