

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I hope you have had a relaxing break and welcome back.

There is some information I need to share with you.

As we commence Term 3 the Department of Education has relaxed some restrictions, but some activities continue to be on hold.

### **Reminders**

All students should be either:

- at school engaged in face to face learning
- at home because they are currently unwell
- home because they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition

If parents believe that their child has a condition which means it's not safe for them to return to school, they will need to provide a medical certificate. These are likely to be children that are at higher risk of severe illness if they contracted COVID-19. Families are encouraged to speak with their doctor or health care provider to develop COVID-19 action plan to support decision making about their activities, including attendance at school. If a student is absent for more than three days without a medical certificate, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and followed up by the school.

- Physical distancing is not required for students at school.
- Physical distancing requirements remain for adults.
- Students are expected to stay at home when unwell.
- Should any student present unwell at school, parents / carers will be contacted for their child to be collected from school.
- Students are encouraged to wash their hands regularly and thoroughly; there are hand sanitisers and tissues in each classroom for student use.
- If your child is being tested for COVID 19 it is imperative that you contact the school and speak to a deputy principal or myself.

### **Activities that have recommenced**

- Library access ensuring supervisors/staff maintain physical distancing
- School sporting activities including all contact sports and inter-school sport competitions
- School assemblies (limited to 15 minutes and no external visitors)
- All curricular and extra-curricular programs or services delivered by NSW Department of Education staff including targeted school support programs delivered by School Services, itinerant support staff and other department employees
- Allied health providers, wellbeing and case management professionals (including NDIS suppliers and health programs such as student vaccination programs and dental health programs)
- Incursions/external adult providers to support delivery of curriculum (e.g. music tutors, sport skills development programs, science demonstrations, drama tutors, Healthy Harold) and day field trips to outdoor locations that require minimal physical distancing considerations (e.g. DoE Environmental Education Centres and sport and recreation facilities, trips to local river to collect water samples)

### **Student activities that can recommence in term 3**

- Year and 12 students attending classes/activities relating to subjects only available on other campuses.
- Schools may engage an external provider to deliver the White Card training in line with the external provider guidelines, and only where essential
- Face-to-face TAFE attendance
- School-based apprenticeships and traineeships, work experience and VET work placements can proceed subject to the availability of placement and appropriate risk assessments as outlined by NESAs.
- VET work placements can proceed subject to the availability of placement and appropriate risk assessments as outlined by NESAs.
- School-based apprenticeships and traineeships can recommence once the relevant workplaces are back in operation
- For Year 7 early integration / orientation, schools should implement measures to reduce the mixing of students from different schools and maintain attendance records of participating students.

### **Activities on hold until further notice**

A small number of activities remain on hold and will be reconsidered during Term 3:

- School camps
- Excursions (other than field trips explained above)
- Interstate excursions
- International excursions (cancelled until further notice)
- Parent and carer attendance at assemblies and other school events.
- School-based activities that involve large gathering of adults. These include parent/community gatherings such as parent functions, working bees, fundraisers, school BBQs, large parent information evenings, and large on-site cultural events.
- Certain large arts and sports events are cancelled or delayed.

### **Various Parent Evenings**

Our traditional subject selection evenings for Year 10 and Year 8 have been cancelled; however, we will be running subject selection days with information for your child during school hours. We will keep parents updated with the information.

Traditional parent teacher nights are still on hold. The logistics of how we will proceed with an alternative to these face to face meetings are still in discussion.

Moorebank High School Community Focus Group Meetings are still on hold.

### **Year 12 Graduation**

The department has suggested that the Year 12 graduation be postponed until Term 4; however, even then, the current restrictions would mean that parents would not be able to attend a daytime event and evening events would restrict attendance to only one parent and potentially only half the cohort at any one time. I will keep you abreast of any potential relaxing of restrictions during Term 3 and possible solutions.

This is a trying time for all of us.

My staff and I are committed in working with you in partnership to continue to build positive relationships and positive outcomes for our children.

Kind regards,

Vally Grego

Principal

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