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Remote Learning Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations and thank you to students, parents and staff for your ongoing effort, commitment and determination to keep going as we work through this epidemic. I know it has not been easy. Please reach out to us if you need assistance. You will find support in your child's teachers, Welfare staff, Heads of Wellbeing, Head and Deputy Head of Campus, Counsellors, or the Executive. Our teachers are reporting that some students are struggling to maintain their motivation, but we are all in this together, and together we will get through this.

Congratulations to our Year 12 students and Year 11 Compression students who have completed their HSC Trials online. Twenty-two examinations were completed, with minimal incident. This was an amazing feat. Full congratulations to our students, Heads of Department, Mr Hamper, Mrs Bragg and the IT team. The hard work behind the scenes is greatly appreciated. The maturity, resilience, determination, and adaptability of our students to adjust to the exam setting shone through. This high level of effort must now be maintained leading to the HSC. I know parents and family members sacrificed much to ensure their child could complete the Trial HSC at home, for which I am most grateful.

The full School Executive met on Friday following the announcement by the Premier, Gladys Berejiklian and the Hon. Sarah Mitchell, Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning School's announcement of the Road Map for a Return to School. While not the plan we were hoping for, it does give direction and regulations to which we will work towards.

Planning is well underway for the staggered return of students to School commencing in late October. Further information on the arrangements for each year group will be available soon.

Remote learning classes will continue for all students. Most Year 12 classes have now completed their course work and will continue with teacher led revision following their scheduled timetable until the end of Term 3.

Year 12 at each campus will have a special end of term assembly during the last week of Term 3. The assembly will be contextualised for each campus and held virtually. Your Head of Campus will shortly provide details of this special assembly.

The Government's announcement to delay the HSC examinations until 9 November has meant that the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony will now be moved to December. As in previous years this event is being planned to be held at the Quay Centre in Homebush and will be a fitting way to celebrate the achievements and tenacity of the HSC class of 2021.

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Year 11 Final Assessments commence next week and conclude on the last day of Term 3. During the assessment period there will be no scheduled classes for Year 11 students, but class teachers will be available to support students and address any questions that they have. These final assessments are an important end to Year 11 studies and students need to apply themselves fully to each task.

The 9th of September marks R U OK Day and the Counselling team, led by Ms Masri, has planned a special online session for parents and students. Further information on this event will be provided shortly.

I remind you of reflection and prayer each day at 1.15pm with Sheikh Fawaz and Dr Zachariah Matthews.

This weekend is Father's Day and I extend a "Happy Father's Day" greeting go all the dads in our community.

Last week Dr Bennett AM announced to the School community he was stepping down as School Chairman. During his five years as Chair, Dr Bennett has given unstinting service to the School. On behalf of the School, I congratulate and thank Dr Bennett for his dedication in guiding the school from the point of no funding, to now where the school is financially secure and has in place well established strong, sustainable governance practices. Mr Fayez Moussa, former Deputy Chair and an Alumni is now the new Chairman. Dr Bennett has assumed the role of Deputy Chair.

While we are all paddling together during these difficult times, I'm delighted to share the news that construction works for a new building at Hoxton Park School is well underway and anticipated to be ready for occupation for 2022 school year. The new facility will provide a modern state of the art Library, 2 Science Labs, 7 General Learning Areas, cafeteria style modern canteen, staff and student amenities, seminar rooms and staff rooms.

Applications for enrolment has already started to come in for the additional places created in the new building facility and places are filling in. Please spread the news in the community if there are children waiting to enroll. Be quick as places are filling fast.

Also, a humble reminder that all outstanding fees up to Term 3 needs to be paid up as soon as possible as Term 4 billing will be generated and sent out to you very soon.

Kind Regards,

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