



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you are no doubt aware, some of the recent COVID-19 outbreaks have been connected with schools. In most of these cases people have not followed guidelines, bringing COVID-19 into the school and then once in the school the possibility of spread is very real.

At all times I will follow the advice of NSW Health and when in doubt I will take a slightly more cautious approach because with this sort of matter I would rather be too safe than risk people's health, life and wellbeing.

What this means for ICS is that some things remain as they are, and some things will be more restricted. These restrictions will be in place for all of Term 3 with no set end date (the tone from NSW Health suggests it may continue for the rest of 2020).

THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS WILL CONTINUE

1. Exclusion of all staff and students who are displaying symptoms of COVID-19 or indeed who are unwell.
2. Those who have been sick will only be allowed to return with medical clearance – ie. negative COVID-19 test or medical clearance.
3. Immediate exclusion of anyone who comes to school with symptoms.
4. Hand hygiene practices will continue - staff will be diligent in reminding classes to wash their hands and will model this themselves.
5. School cleaning - additional cleaning plus wiping down desks after each lesson will continue.
6. Maintaining physical distancing where possible.

NEW RESTRICTIONS WITH IMMEDIATE IMPACT FROM THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST

1. No inter-school sport or mixing with other schools.
2. No choirs, singing, chants or wind instruments.
3. No overnight events, camps, retreats or excursions. (Some excursions may be permitted that have no (or very little) access to the general public, other schools, don't mix grades and work within the school day - I will assess these on a case by case situation.)
4. No social activities involving guests, parents, families (eg. graduations, school formals and ceremonies). Meg Story communicated this with a very sad Year 12 yesterday. We are looking at some options for Year 12 and will keep you informed.
5. No mixing of age groups - this means no assemblies (we will return to year groups and online) and no house meetings will be allowed.
6. No staff meetings or professional learning activities that require staff to gather and mix across the school.
7. No staff devotions.

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8. No visitors onsite for incursions – eg. no guest speaker at Year 8 Medieval Day.
9. Return to zones for students in the playground to limit interaction across grades.
10. Absolute adherence to the social distancing rules in staff rooms and staff areas.
11. Masks are not required for students.

This is an ever-changing landscape and we must all do our part. We continue to be grateful for the support of our parent community as we navigate these challenging conditions.

Please continue to pray for our school community, for our nation and for our world. Give thanks that God is sovereign, gracious and good. Pray people may turn in faith to him and that we would look to him as our source of strength, hope and assurance.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any further queries about these matters.

Yours in Christ,



Simon Lainson
Principal.

