



Principal: Mrs Leesa Daly

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Friday 10th September

Dear Parents and Carers

I am excited to announce that we are one of the lucky LGA's to be coming out of stay at home orders and thus remote learning from home as of midnight Saturday 11th September.

We look forward to welcoming all our students and staff back onsite for normal timetabled classes on Monday 13th September (Week 10B). Remote lessons will cease. Students not present at school will be marked absent.

Any families who have borrowed a school laptop (cords, charger, bag) and/or dongle, I request that these devices be returned to the front office as a matter of urgency on Monday so they can be sanitised, accessioned and returned to their pods in readiness for class use in Week 10.

We return to school on Level 3 COVID Safe School Operations that include:

- While on school sites, masks or face coverings are required for all staff, and all students from Year 7 and above (in class, in corridors and outside). We have a limited supply of face masks and would encourage **all students to bring their own appropriate face mask**.
- Introduction of staggered breaks and reduced mingling of student cohorts wherever possible
- Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances not permitted
- Sport must cease
- No assemblies
- No excursions
- No community use (except early childhood services and OOSH services)
- **The canteen will be operational for pre-orders only with a smaller set menu**
- Smart Start Breakfast will not be operational in Week 10
- Work Experience and Work Placement being deferred
- TAFE is still under Level 4 restrictions – meaning online delivery will remain until further notice. Facilities at school will be made available for these students to attend online

As a whole school community, we must continue to be vigilant in adhering to COVID safe practices to ensure everyone's safety and wellbeing. This includes: staying home if unwell; getting a COVID test if required and staying home until a negative result is received; using the provided sanitiser and hand wash regularly; wearing a face mask/covering correctly at all times; no sharing of equipment with peers (pens/pencils etc); ventilation (windows and doors open) in all classrooms; coughing/sneezing into elbow; social distancing where possible and getting vaccinated.

We have been directed to reduce cohort mingling as much as possible. Cohorts will be allocated areas in the playground for breaks including reading. These break times will be passive (no sporting activities allowed at this time). Cohort groups will be directed to the canteen at different times. Years 7-10 please enter and exit the school at the pedestrian crossing entrance. Senior students please enter and exit via the Scott St entrance.

I would like to congratulate all our Year 11 students for the amazing work they did this week, and for the resilience they demonstrated, in managing their online exams. Well done.

NESA have just confirmed that the HSC written exams will start on the **9th November** and end on the **3rd of December** with results to be released from **6am on the 24th January 2022**. ATAR's will be released on the **20th**



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January 2022. NESA will run 110 exams over 19 days. Student's personalised timetables will be available via Students Online from midday on **Monday 13th September**.

We will work with Year 12 next week to determine what term 4 will look like for them as we prepare them for their HSC exams and as we look to organise final assemblies and formal options.

I would like to express my most sincere gratitude to all the staff at CHS who have worked incredibly hard to support your children during this challenging time. Our students have been awesome in rising to the challenges of remote learning also. We have been thrilled by the overwhelming positive feedback we have received from parents and carers during this remote learning from home period. We acknowledge the enormous pressure our parents and carers have been under and we thank you for all your hard work and support.

At the end of Week 10 we will be farewelling: our wonderful Visual Arts teacher, Ms Boatswain, as she starts her maternity leave (returning Term 2 2022); our awesome School Psychologist, Ms Zimmerman, who has taken up a position at Korrungal High School and the fabulous PDHPE guru, Mr Plain, as he takes up his new position in Special Education at Cessnock High School. We wish you all the very best.

In Term 4 we will be welcoming Ms Jenkins to the PDHPE faculty and Ms Matheson and Mr Officer to the Creative Arts team. Ms Willoughby has been appointed to the Relieving Head Teacher Wellbeing and Engagement position for Term 4 2021. Ms Zimmerman's position is currently being advertised by the Department of Education.

If you have any questions, queries or concerns please make contact with the school on 69422711.

All students are expected to return to school on Monday 13th September. Please call the school if your child will not be present.

Let's have an awesome Week 10!

Regards
Mrs Daly