



Pittwater House

From the Principal

27 April 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Re Week 3: Plan for the Transitioning of Students Back to School

Following our correspondence last week, I write to you now with details of the approach Pittwater House will take in response to the Government directive to transition students back to school from Monday 11 May.

The Premier, together with the Prime Minister, have been quite clear in their directives, based on the medical evidence of safety of students in classrooms. And our Executive team met through last week to determine the School's position, and this has been discussed with Staff at our meetings today.

The plan as outlined below is for **Week 3** and which we believe, will continue into **Week 4**, if no further directives, or advice are provided from NSW Health or other relevant authorities, to NSW schools. We will evaluate our response through Week 3 to assist in the best outcome for our students, going forward. It is for this reason that I am not providing an outline for all of Term 2, given the changing landscape we are experiencing. Therefore, flexibility is the key to our success in getting all our students back on Campus with the safety of students and Staff, of prime importance.

Week 3 from Monday 11 May

Junior School:

Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2: Monday, Tuesday and Friday

Year 4 and Year 5: Wednesday

Year 3 and Year 6: Thursday

Secondary School:

Year 7: Monday

Year 8: Tuesday

Year 9: Wednesday

Year 10: Thursday

Year 11: Friday

Year 12: Full time return from Monday 11 May

In this return to School, it is vital that certain protocols are maintained to keep the School environment as safe as possible:

1. Please do not send your child to School if they are unwell.
2. If a child has a cough or fever, they will be sent home immediately and will not be allowed back until a negative COVID-19 test result can be demonstrated.
3. Parents will not be permitted on Campus, except to attend a previously arranged appointment at the Uniform Shop, or with a Staff Member where such appointment cannot be satisfactorily conducted by video conferencing.
4. There will be some Staff who, through age or medical condition, are unable to return to our Campus. Their safety, health and well-being are of critical importance to me and thus their teaching roles may be modified in the interim.

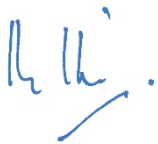
On the designated day of attendance for each student, face to face lessons will occur for the nominated year groups. For all other students, their learning will continue, remotely. Staff will not be running both a face to face AND a remote lesson concurrently. We will not be operating a dual platform approach. Therefore, if a student chooses not to attend on their nominated day, they will work remotely and will be marked absent from the face to face class.

There will be further information over the coming week provided by the Deputy Principal, Mr Walmsley and the Head of Junior School, Mrs Achurch, to students regarding rooms and timetables as we work through the details of our much-anticipated return of students to our Campus.

Again, I thank you for the support you have shown and the capacity your children have demonstrated to be adaptable, resilient and positive in such challenging times.

And I am indebted to our Staff for their great work in planning for a range of scenarios as we work through the necessary directives of our State and Federal governments.

With my kind regards,



Dr Nancy Hillier
Principal and CEO