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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the break from learning from home, I can assure you that most of our teaching staff had little down time over their holiday break as they prepared for more learning from home in Term 2. I would like to thank the Mount Annan High School community for the fantastic support of our school and staff and the way you have assisted in your child's learning, your cooperation is outstanding.

The State Government and by extension the Department of Education has now prescribed a phased return to school for our students and staff. At this point I would like to remind our entire community that this is not over and we have many students, parents, family members and staff who are vulnerable to this virus and we need to ensure we maintain the status we completed last term at present, known as "Phase 0".

I would urge all students to remain at home over the first 2 weeks with only those students of essential workers and students who need to attend school doing so. We are able to cater for these students as long as they are kept to a minimum. The next two weeks will make a significant difference for the remainder of the term.

In relation to the loan laptops, the 42 we ordered from the Department 4 weeks ago have still not arrived due to "distribution / courier" issues. I have offered to drive and collect them but have no response at present. Once we have distributed the Year 12 and Year 11 laptops we will survey our Year 7 -10 students and have another 120 laptops to distribute to students. We hope to have this process completed by the end of Week 2 but it is pending the arrival of the Department devices.

Phase 1 of the transition back to school will commence from May 11 (Week 3 Monday). Whilst we are still finalising Year 12 and Year 11 timetables and arrangements that will promote learning, we are cognisant of the 25 'vulnerable' staff who need to be protected with minimal or no contact face to face. Timetables will be supplied on the school website tomorrow for Years 7 – 10 continuing with 4 period days and the last period for physical activity or wellbeing sessions away from screens.

From May 11, each week the following year groups will attend the following days:

- Year 7 – Tuesday
- Year 8 – Wednesday
- Year 9 – Thursday
- Year 10 – Friday

Students will attend a morning briefing at 8.50am in the quad on their day and line up, obeying social distancing rules, in their roll call lines where they will be addressed by their Deputy Principal or myself and allocated a room for the day with a teacher. These classes will not exceed 10 students in an average sized classroom. Students will need to bring books for the subjects on that day, writing implements, a device to do online learning or research, any other assessments they want to work with assistance on for the day. During the day they will be supervised by their allocated teacher and assisted in their learning but there will be no different learning to the unit allocated to them that they are working on at home on other days.

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The school day will conclude at 1.30pm and we are asking students to be collected or walk home at this time. Students who need to stay until 3.00pm will engage in a physical or wellbeing activity with our PE staff. During the day our Year Advisers will make contact with each student and check-in on their wellbeing and how they are coping offering assistance and advice.

Our Support Unit students will follow the same timetable as the year group they are enrolled in and will need to get this from the school website tomorrow afternoon. Our brilliant Support Unit staff will be in personal contact with our families of Support Unit students to discuss the transition of students returning. Support Unit days will be from 8.50am until 3.00pm or when transport departs.

There will be more information coming soon including Phase 2 and HSC 2020 information.

Stay safe, stay calm and please continue your support of our school.

Regards

Ken Bates
Principal