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Mount Annan High School Community update 20 May 2020

Dear Parents, Carers & Students

As you are probably aware, all schools are returning to full on-campus learning from Monday 25 May. During this phase (Phase 3) there will be no excursions, no visitors to the school who are not essential to the school's operations and we will still have staff considered vulnerable staying away from school. Students are expected to attend as in pre-Covid times. Students who do not attend will need a medical certificate if their absence is greater than three days or ongoing. If you require work to be provided to your child whilst they are at home due to an underlying health condition, you should contact the school and speak to the Deputy Principal in charge of your child's year for assistance.

Curriculum and Learning

New timetables are commencing on May 25 incorporating a nine-day fortnight of lessons for Year 12 as well as staff changes being reflected. Students are being presented with their new timetables this week except Year 7 who will receive them on Monday when they arrive. The Project Based Learning course in Year 9 will be extended into Semester 2 without changing courses and new electives will be available for some Year 9 students from the start of Term 3.

Staff have been asked to continue the learning for Year 7 – 10 students for Term 2 that was set up and established by teachers at the end of Term 1 and in the holidays. The same scope and sequence of topics and assessment schedule published for Term 2 will remain in place. I have asked teachers to concentrate on getting students up to the same point realising that students have worked at different speeds and levels through a one-size-fits-all curriculum program.

We do not want any student disadvantaged any more than they may already have been during the past two months. Any student who has completed all or most of the work supplied will be given extension work to strengthen their knowledge and applicability of skills in each subject.

The HSC has been postponed for 5 days and we will be working out strategies with our Year 12 students input next week about how we best use the extra week. Students studying the HSC will be advised by the end of next week what that means for them individually.

Senior students attending other campuses for classes in the Macarthur Trade Training Courses are able to recommence those courses face-2-face as in pre-covid times.

Hygiene

Whilst we are told there is very little chance of transmission of Covid-19 between students and there will be no social distancing enforced in schools, I would like to remind our students that we still need to obey good hygiene practices such as:

- Regularly washing hands
- Avoiding sharing drinks or food
- Coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately.

A positive bi-product of the Covid virus is due to social distancing and the safe hygiene practices there has been a dramatic decrease in cold and flu transmissions for this time of year.

School cleaning and hygiene supplies

We have received additional cleaning in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Targeted areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas. There will also be additional cleaning of toilets and bubblers and topping up of supplies like soap. Each class room is supplied with a cleaning kit for students use including hand sanitizer, spray and wipe with paper towels, gloves and anti-bacterial wipes. Students are asked to wipe down and clean their specific work areas and equipment prior to use in each class.

Regards
Ken Bates
Principal

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