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Dear parents and carers of Year 12

I thank you all for your ongoing support and appreciate how difficult it has been during Learning from Home. However we are about to welcome all students back to school soon. This term will see a lot of changes as we gradually transition to face-to-face learning as the Premier announced in the adjusted return to school plan last week. Below are the key dates and details to help prepare you and your family for the return, including some changes in the staged return to school.

Return to school roadmap

During Term 4, students will return to school in a staged approach, with no mingling or on-site activities.

In schools like ours where we have been learning from home for extended periods of time, students will return to face-to-face learning with NSW Health-approved COVID-safe settings on school sites in the following order:

- from 18 October – Year 12 for set tutorials based on lines (see table below)
- from 25 October – Years 7-11

The return to school roadmap is subject to change depending on advice from NSW Health. You can stay up to date with the most recent information on our [Advice for families page](#) which is also on the front page of our website.

All students must wear their school uniform from 18 October.

Mask requirements

When students and staff return to school the following requirements are in place:

- masks are required for all staff and students in Year 7 and above indoors and outdoors (unless exercising or eating).
- masks are strongly recommended for primary students indoors and outdoors (unless exercising or eating).

Masks are mandatory on public transport. This applies to students aged 13 years and over, and staff when travelling to and from school and during school excursions by public transport or by chartered or private transport services.

HSC

Throughout this term in the lead up to the HSC exams, Year 12/HSC students can continue to attend school for revision, learning and wellbeing support and to have access to their teachers in a limited way.

Until 18 October 2021, Year 12 students and those sitting HSC exams in schools will have access to school sites for up to 3 hours per day, up to 5 days a week in the “study bubbles” format that has been operating for the last few weeks.

From 18 October, all Year 12 and HSC students will have access to school campuses and their teachers. We are holding tutorials next week (18/10 – 22/10) for the subjects below, which will be 2 lines/day. These will be for students who choose to attend onsite.

	Monday A	Tuesday A	Wednesday A	Thursday A	Friday A
8.30 am – 11.00 am	Line 1	Line 4	Line 5	Line 6	Careers Interviews Or Study Bubble 1
	12BS.1C Business Studies	12AH.4A Ancient History	12BI.5B Biology	12ENS.3D English Standard	
	12EC.1A Economics	12CH.4B Chemistry	12BS.5B Business Studies	12ENS.3E English Standard	
	12ENGS.1A Engineering Studies	12CFS.4A CAFS	12GE.5A Geography	12MA.6A Mathematics Advanced	
	12LS.1B Legal Studies	12JPC.4A Japanese Continuers	12LS.5A Legal Studies	12MA.6B Mathematics Advanced	
	12PDH.1B PDHPE	12PDH.4C PDHPE	12MUS1.5A Music 1	12MA.6C Mathematics Advanced	
	12SOC.1B Society & Culture	12PH.4A Physics	12PH.5B Physics	12MAS1.6B Mathematics Standard 1	
12VA.1A Visual Arts		12SDD.5A Software Design & Development	12MAS2.6A Mathematics Standard 2		
11.30 am – 2.00 pm	Line 7	Line 3	Line 2	Line 7	Careers Interviews Or Study Bubble 2
	12MXT1.7A Mathematics Ext 1	12ENA.3A English Advanced	12AH.2B Ancient History	12EXT2.7B English Extension 2	
	12MXT2.7A Extension Mathematics 2	12ENA.3B English Advanced	12BI.2C Biology	12HXT.7A History Extension	
		12ENA.3C English Advanced	12BS.2A Business Studies	12EXT1.7A English Extension 1	
		12ENE.3A English as a Second Language	12CH.2A Chemistry		
		12ENS.3A English Standard	12DT.2A Design & Technology Multimedia		
		12ENS.3B English Standard	12ITB.2A Italian Beginners		
	12MAS1.6A Mathematics Standard 1	12MH.2A Modern History			
	12MAS2.6B Mathematics Standard 2	12SOC.2A Society & Culture			

From 25 October HSC students may come on site and continue to have access to their teachers at their timetabled lesson time. Students are also welcome to independently study. We encourage students to check their subject Google Classrooms for advice.

HSC exams will proceed for all students from 9 November 2021 in a COVID-safe way, in line with NSW Health advice.

Virtual Assembly

To inform you and Yr 12 about returning to face-to-face learning, we will be holding a virtual 'return to school' assembly this Friday 15 October at 9.30am. Parents are welcome to join the webinar:

<https://nsweducation.zoom.us/j/62687438938?pwd=UmJyK3IRa05sTHIWT3QyNkdEVWNVdz09>

Passcode: 914356

Webinar ID: 626 8743 8938

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During the assembly we will outline our school's plan for Year 12 for next week and then from 25 October until HSC exams begin on 9 November.

Students aged 12 years and over eligible for the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines

NSW Health are urging all students 12 and over to get vaccinated with the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible before returning to school.

There is currently sufficient supply of the Moderna vaccine to community pharmacies and the Pfizer vaccine to General Practitioners. Bookings can be made via the [Vaccine Clinic Finder](#). Depending on location, bookings are available within the next few days.

COVID-19 vaccination is the best protection against severe illness and also reduces the risk of spreading COVID-19 to others. Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 now will help to protect both you, your family and our school community.

Wellbeing resources for students and families

Please take some time to check out the Department's [wellbeing resources for students and families](#) and our school [Wellbeing Page](#). You'll find useful tools for mental health and wellbeing. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can do anything to help you and your children to prepare for the return to face-to-face learning or if you have any concerns about the return to school.

Thank you again for your continued support during what has already been a fast moving school term.

Kind regards



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Principal