



May 7th 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to be able to share with all parents our return to school plan. We are taking our responsibilities very seriously in our planning, as lives are at stake in this crisis.

Return to School:

As has been mentioned many times, the situation is fluid and plans have had to be changed. So too our stages of return for Glennaeon. As the community transmission rates have fallen, so has optimism about a return to school risen. However, as all health authorities warn, a spike in transmissions could easily catapult us back into restrictions. We need to be careful in our planning, and the following return plan give us both a cautious and a proactive road map back to normal school attendance.

Hygiene procedures:

The return to school for students is based on our application of the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) guidelines on controls that minimise or eliminate the risk of infection for students and teachers.

The school has strict controls in place to ensure the health of all students and teachers:

- Environmental cleaning has been upgraded to ensure all high traffic surfaces are cleaned three times each day;
- Protocols on hygiene such as hand washing will be emphasised to students and hand sanitizers will be available in all classrooms;
- Any student who shows any symptoms of illness must stay at home
- Any student who has a family member with a compromised immune system may stay at home if he/she wishes and complete school work at home;
- Isolation procedures including temperature checks will be in place for any student who develops symptoms of illness during the day

Stage 1: Already in Stage 1 we have welcomed Year 12 back to school, and will invite Year 11 back next Monday May 11th, both for a full return to school.

Kindergarten and Little Kindy will make a partial return commencing next Monday May 11th.

Stage 2: Partial return for Class 1 to Year 10: see attached table. There will be different return plans for primary and high school, due to a number of factors including the lower risk of transmission for younger children and that our large and expansive playgrounds lend themselves to physical distancing. Primary classes will benefit most from a whole class return on gradually increasing days over three weeks. The more complex high school timetable means we can maintain distancing better if half of each year group returns on alternate days, also increasing over three weeks.

Primary classes will return as whole classes commencing one day per week, and increasing by one day over three weeks.

Years 7 to 10 will return also over three weeks, and in half year groups.

There will be separate communications with further details for Primary and High school parents coming to you from the Deputy Heads of School Dani Finch and Liz Neveie.

Stage 3: Full time return to school for all students will commence on June 8th at the latest.

These plans are based on every member of the community abiding by social distancing, and maintaining good hygiene procedures. If all these personal procedures are in place, and the transmission rates remain as they are now, then we may be able to look forward to bringing some of these start dates forward.

Thank you for the messages of support that have come from many parents over the past few weeks. We each have a part to play, and if as a community we take responsibility, then we will emerge from this crisis sooner, and stronger, than we would have thought possible even quite recently.

Yours,



Andrew Hill
Head of School