



May 22nd 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

This COVID journey has been a long one, and we look forward to the return of all our students on Monday May 25th.

Attendance:

School will resume full time for all students on Monday. You will need to notify the school of any student absence as per the usual procedure by phone or at absence@glenaeon.nsw.edu.au. Students should be at school unless:

- they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition
- they are currently unwell.

Return to School, Monday 25th Week 5:

The regular timetable will be in operation for all year levels. However only classroom teaching will be in action next week. There will **not** be:

- Music instrumental ensembles or instrumental lessons
- Canteen
- CoCurricular activities (before or afterschool sport sessions)
- Water bubblers (so send along a water bottle)
- Visitors to the campus unless on essential business.

There will be:

- PDHPE lessons as per the regular timetable, so students should wear sports uniform on timetabled days
- After School Care at Castlecrag
- Glennaeon buses running
- Regular bus supervision and traffic control in place.

We will monitor all aspects of the return, and advise mid-week on dates for the return of other activities such as music ensembles and lessons, and CoCurricular programs.

Social Distancing

While social distancing does not apply to children in schools, it does still apply to adults. We ask that parents:

- Do not enter any of the School's campuses unless requested for urgent reasons
- Maintain social distancing at drop off and pick up times.

The Future:

We must be mindful however that in the return to normality, there will be further transmissions of the virus in the community and any school is vulnerable to having a member of its community contracting an infection. As you will be aware, two high schools in our local area have been closed briefly due to a community member returning a positive test result for COVID-19. The Premier has emphasised that school closures will in all likelihood happen in the future, and we need to be prepared for this eventuality.

There are detailed protocols in place which have been developed together by the Ministry of Health, the NSW Public Health Unit, the Department of Education and the Association of Independent Schools. Should a confirmed case emerge at Glenaeon, we will work directly with all these bodies to implement an immediate response. The school would be non-operational for a period of no more than two days while we undertake a deep clean of the entire campus, and complete the process of contact tracing. I am writing to assure everyone that should such an event happen, we are well prepared and well supported.

Next Update:

There will be an update next week on how the transition back to full time schooling has gone, with plans for the return of other activities, possibly in Week 6. We continue to have strict cleaning controls in place in every classroom to ensure a hygienic school environment.

The school has been busy in other ways during the remote learning period. The Maintenance team used the time to complete some much needed work on path renovation and other projects. The final work to connect our bank of solar panels at Middle Cove was completed and those panels are now both supporting our energy use on the campus and on occasion exporting power to the grid.

Thank you again for your support and patience through this challenging time. The grass has grown quite lush on both Middle Cove and Castlecrag campuses, and we now await the daily sound of healthy youthful learning, and laughter, to bring our school back to its normal, happy state!

Yours,



Andrew Hill
Head of School