



August 18th 2020

Dear Glennaeon Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, the Chief Medical Officer of NSW has issued fresh guidance which involves a tightening of restrictions, particularly on schools. As of tomorrow, we are required to exclude students and staff with even mild symptoms of COVID-19:

- Your child must not attend school if she/he has any flu-like (COVID-19) symptoms
- If your child exhibits any symptoms, you should have your child tested for COVID-19 immediately, and report that you are doing so to a school office, either Middle Cove or Castlecrag
- In order for your child to return to school, you will need to report to us a negative COVID-19 test result.

The same restrictions will apply to all school staff.

In addition we have been advised that singing in groups and the playing of wind instruments in groups should cease as of tomorrow. This new requirement means that the following group activities will need to cease immediately:

- Wind and brass ensembles
- Jazz band
- Big Band
- Wind/brass instruments in the Sinfionetta.

Teachers will provide directions on alternative lessons in the place of these activities.

Individual music lessons are able to continue, and our tutors have been given clear directions on maintaining physical distancing and hygiene procedures during lessons.

A number of other activities will cease, including Playgroups.

For all parents, you must not come on to the school campuses, unless by invitation from the school for a specific purpose such as a significant wellbeing issue with your child. This requirement is a clear indication for all schools in NSW. In addition, please maintain distancing at the school gates while dropping off or waiting for pickup.

Within the school, the strict controls we have in place will continue: personal hygiene procedures, extra daily cleaning, and social distancing for adults.

Glenaeon is working with these updated measures to ensure that we as a school can continue to provide in-person learning for all our students, and of course to play our part in the effort to achieve the government's aim of eliminating community transmission throughout NSW.

We are working to make up the loss of some key elements of a Glenaeon education in innovative ways. Our Outdoor Education team for instance is unable to deliver our program with overnight camps this term, and instead they are using our unique Middle Cove campus for day trips. In place of the missed camps, this week every student in Year 7 will be out of the classroom working through a range of kayaking, abseiling, rock climbing and hiking in Middle Harbour and the foreshore bushland. What a unique offering to provide our students without catching a bus, and all in our own backyard?!

These special benefits are some of the positives we are taking from this challenging time, and we all need to look for ways to lift the spirits of our children, friends and families. Our school Chaplain Lisa Devine is available for a call if you wish to speak with her directly: 0401 367 808.

Thank you again for your continuing support and consideration in achieving a safe environment for all our students and staff.

With best wishes,



Andrew Hill
Head of School