



July 7th 2021

Dear Glennaeon Parents and Carers,

I am sure you will be as disappointed as we all are about the extension of the lockdown next week which has just been announced by the Premier. This decision was not what we were expecting. We have considered how best to minimise the impact of the lockdown on all Glennaeon students, and we have a plan which in the circumstances we consider will ensure the best outcome for all of our community.

Kindergarten to Year 11:

The holiday break will be extended for the first three days of term, Wednesday to Friday July 13-16th, and to replace those days of learning, Term 3 will be extended by two days on Thursday and Friday September 16th and 17th.

The reasons behind this decision are

- In person learning is obviously the preferred option for everyone and with our scheduled term end on a Wednesday, we have this simple possibility of adding two extra days of school time to the term;
- Remote learning, particularly for the younger years, can impose a significant stress on families and parents;
- Remote learning involves the loss of all practical subjects and in person music tuition/ensembles, not to mention the obvious wellbeing value of a class community;
- Overall, the loss of only one day of school time more than compensates for the learning that could be lost through a remote delivery option next week.

We are basing this decision on the understanding that schools can reopen for Term 3 on Monday July 19th. However, we do need to be ready for all possibilities in the future, and teachers will be preparing remote learning materials in case there is another lockdown at short notice.

Year 12:

The priority for our Year 12 students is continuity of learning and ensuring the least disruption for their HSC studies. Year 12 does not have the option of extending the term as

Term 3 finishes for them on September 13th, and we have no advice from NESA that completion dates for any assessment tasks will be extended.

Year 12 will resume their regular timetable on Wednesday July 14th which will be delivered by all their teachers via the Zoom platform. A number of HSC classes have been continuing remotely through the break, and will continue to do so, and any further details will be uploaded to GLO.

Showcase (Visual Arts and Design & Technology): The assessment requirements concerning completion of work for the Showcase will continue to be in place although the Showcase evening will be postponed to a date to be determined later in the term.

If you have any specific questions about either primary school or high school, please contact the relevant Deputy Head of School:

High school Liz Nevieve: < E.Nevieve@glenaeon.nsw.edu.au >

Primary school Dani Finch: < D.Finch@glenaeon.nsw.edu.au >.

The Middle Cove and Castlecrag campuses will continue to be closed until Monday July 19th although there will be some essential services operating as per the exemptions in the Public Health Order:

- Maintenance services
- Vacation Care at Castlecrag will continue to operate for the extended holiday period of Wednesday to Friday July 14-16th. Details for booking will be available on the Glenaeon OOSH website.

These services will all be subject to strict COVID controls: please follow the identified parent drop off and pick up positions, regular cleaning a number of times per day, staff and students not to attend if unwell, plus all personal hygiene protocols in place.

There will be further updates with any news that affects the School as it comes to hand. We all hope the lockdown has the intended impact of suppressing the spread of the virus and that your children can return to school on July 19th as planned.

I am personally sorry we need to make these changes as they may have an impact on family plans and arrangements. These are trying times, but we have come through before and working together, I am sure we will come through again.

With best wishes,



Andrew Hill
Head of School