



Ambarvale High School

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Dear Parent

Welcome back to full time school on campus

From Monday, 25 May 2020, all students can return to school every day.

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone 5 days of the school week, but some things have changed at school and we want to share with you our 'new-normal'.

Remember to only send your child to school if they are well. **Please keep sick students at home.** In the interest of public safety, we will expect parents to promptly collect students who arrive at school sick.

- When students arrive at school, there will be **hand sanitiser at the front gate**. Please encourage your child to start the day on a positive hygiene note by sanitising their hands.
- Hand sanitiser has been **installed inside all blocks**, and liquid soap has been **installed inside all toilets**. Students will be strongly encouraged to use these hygiene facilities. Consequences will be put in place for students who do not respect these important resources.
- Bubblers have been turned off, and **students are required to bring their own drink bottle**. Filling stations are still available.
- Students will be **encouraged and reminded to physically distance during break times** and when moving between classes, but this is unable to be enforced. Please speak with your child about what measures you expect them to take to physically distance during break times.
- Because the advice is that adults are at much higher risk of the virus than young people, it **will be expected that students physically distance themselves from staff**.
- Students will be strongly encouraged to use **community guidelines for hygiene practices**, such as coughing into their elbow or tissue, immediate and appropriate disposal of tissues etc, and handwashing etiquettes.
- **Behaviour expectations will now have an increased focus on hygiene**. Any student who **deliberately coughs or sneezes**, or in any other way deliberately puts at risk the health of others, may receive strong behaviour consequences.
- Similarly, any student who **deliberately creates fear or anxiety in others** through inappropriate actions or comments regarding COVID 19, may expect to receive strong behaviour consequences.
- **Senior students (Years 11 and 12) will be able to access a flexible timetable** if they have 'free' periods at the start or end of the day. This means they are only required to be at school 15 minutes before their first timetabled lesson, and may leave at the end of their last timetabled class, provided parental approval has been given.
- Staff will be utilising our **outdoor classroom spaces** to encourage physical distancing and avoid crowding in blocks (weather permitting).
- **Physical contact sports will not be allowed**, and enhanced hygiene protocols will be in place to clean equipment and wash or sanitise hands at the end of sport or physical activity lessons.
- There is a **new wet weather playground plan** to avoid overcrowding under walkways during poor weather. Years 7 and 8 will go to the hall and amphitheatre covered walkway, Years 9 and 10 will

utilise the main quad covered walkways, Year 11 may use E Block and Year 12 will be allowed to utilise G Block.

- Until further notice **students will not be attending excursions or incursions.**
- Until further notice **no adult volunteers or non-essential visitors will be on site.**
- Only **3 visitors will be allowed in the office foyer** at any one time. A 'mailbox' immediately outside the main office doors has been installed to allow parents and visitors to drop off documentation. Most meetings will be held over the phone.

Please contact the school if you have any concerns or queries regarding our organisation and preparedness for full time school.

Ms L Barnott-Clement
Principal
22 May 2020