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COVID-19 UPDATE - Term 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many of you will have seen the announcements from the Premier and the Department of Education around the impact of the current COVID-19 pandemic on schools during Term 2. There have been a number of notifications pushed out through school communication channels including our school Facebook page and some of these are distributed state-wide by the Department so that all school communities receive the same message.

Staged Return to School

The NSW Government has made the decision that students will be able to return to school in a staged approach from Week 3, Term 2. We have been encouraged to bring students back for one day per week and we are currently working hard to develop a map of what this might look like. This map will provide details of the allocated days for students and will be released as soon as possible so that parents have time to make appropriate plans.

Additional School Development Day

As you know, Elderslie High School was already due to have its School Development Day (pupil free day) on Monday, April 27. Since the Government's announcement of the staged return to school for students as detailed above, there has been an announcement that all schools will be allocated an additional School Development Day on Tuesday, April 28 so that there is more time to plan for the term ahead. The first day of the term for students is therefore Wednesday, April 29.

Weeks 1-2

Until the new structure is launched in Week 3, our current system will continue in which all students who can complete their learning from home, are encouraged to do so. Students should continue to access the work being set by their teachers in Google Classroom and use any other mechanisms established by their teachers. If your child is experiencing any difficulties at all, we strongly encourage you to talk to us via email or telephone so that we can support you and your child. For the first two weeks, the school continues to be open for the children of essential workers and anyone else who needs their child to be at school.

NESA Updates

We continue to await further announcements from the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) as to the impact of COVID-19 on this year's HSC for our Year 12 students. As a staff, we are very committed to providing our students and parents with an update as soon as this information is released as we know how many students are very anxious about this.

A further update will be provided early in Term 2.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. Lawrence

Principal