



18 May 2020

Dear Parents/Caregivers

We are looking forward to all students returning to the College for classroom-based learning on Monday 25 May when it will have been eight weeks since most students have been in classrooms. To put this in perspective it is the same length of time as the December-January holiday break. Our strategy will be to restart the year and have the students settled as quickly as possible.

One of the key tasks to be undertaken when students return is to determine how each student has progressed with their schoolwork. Our teaching staff will be using formative assessment tasks to check each student is up to date and has undertaken the tasks set over the last five weeks. It is important any areas students have not understood are covered with their teachers in a timely manner in the first few weeks of returning to the classroom.

We are all familiar with the term, “New Normal” and it is crucial we are all mindful of new steps that have to be taken to ensure all in our community are safe. I remind all families of the protocols in place under the government guidelines and advice from the Chief Medical Officer.

### Personal Hygiene

Students will be reminded during the school day to regularly wash their hands, especially when returning from the school yard at break times. Hand sanitiser and tissues will be available in all classrooms. Extra hand sanitiser is available around the school grounds.

Students will need to adhere to coughing and sneezing protocols and spitting on the ground will not be tolerated at all. School cleaning will continue to prioritise areas most in use by students and staff, with extra attention to high frequency touch point surfaces such as door handles, light switches, desks, toilets, taps and sinks.

### Drink Bottles

Students are requested to bring their own water bottle to school. Bubblers will be available for filling water bottles only. Students will not be permitted to drink from the bubblers.

### Students who are unwell

I ask parents/caregivers to keep their son at home if he is displaying any cold or flu-like symptoms until the symptoms subside. If a student becomes sick during the school day, parents will be contacted, and students will be sent home in the care of his parents/caregivers.

## Tuckshop

From Monday 25 May the Tuckshop will be open for all students on campus. Lunch breaks will be staggered to avoid overcrowding in the Tuckshop.

## Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open each day between 8.00am and 12noon in the week beginning Monday 18 May until Friday 22 May by appointment only. Parents/Caregivers are asked to book their appointment using [this link](#) to avoid over-crowding in the Uniform Shop. Please do not turn up un-announced as the wait time will cause frustration.

From Monday 25 May the Uniform Shop will resume normal trading hours.

## Visitors to the College

In order to reduce the number of adult visitors on campus, parents visiting the College are asked to report directly to the College Reception (entry via Sixth Avenue) and sign in. The College Receptionist will ring the staff member advising their visitor has arrived. The only exception to this is when a parent is dropping off an item for their son. This drop-off can be completed quickly through the relevant Student Services Office; however, parents will be required to complete a sign-in register on arrival. At all other times please minimise visits to the College.

## School Drop-Off and Pick-Up Areas

To avoid parents gathering in numbers, please be mindful around drop-off and pick-up areas as well as congregating at the front gate of the College when waiting for your son. At all times, please maintain the required physical distancing.

## Face masks and Temperature Checking - advice from Chief Medical Officer

It is not recommended that non-medical face coverings be used as a mitigation strategy against transmission of COVID-19 or other similar communicable diseases, as the use of these masks has the potential to create more harm than good.

Additional Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), for example medical face masks, is not required to provide regular care for children or young people who are well, unless such precautions are usually adopted in the routine care of an individual child or young person. Good hygiene practices and environmental cleaning are more important for reducing risk.

Schools should not conduct wide-scale temperature checking of students as there is limited evidence to demonstrate the value of such checks.

## School Sports

The Management Committee of AIC has been working with Directors of Sport to determine how best to restart the sporting activities once Term Three commences. There are numerous considerations to be worked through in line with the government's three phases to commencing sporting activities.

Once a decision has been made, I will communicate the program and draw for sporting fixtures to our families.

## Conclusion

I am aware this time away from the classroom has been difficult for families, students, and teachers. Over the coming weeks I am confident our hard-working staff will provide every support to our students to assist with any catch up of work and to be ready for any assessment tasks towards the end of the term. Working together we will be able to have all our students perform to their very best in their studies. Thank you for your continued support of the College.

Yours sincerely



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Principal

