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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Re: COVID – 19 Update No 23.**

We have made it through the first week for the new term.

It seems a lifetime ago that this situation began. If we go via the update number, it has only been 4 ½ school weeks. It seems so much longer. It would seem that the control of the spread of COVID – 19 across Australia has been managed well. I feel so sorry for the people in the few nursing homes that have had outbreaks. I can only imagine what the poor lady is feeling who seemed to have brought the virus unknowingly into the Newmarch House facility in Western Sydney.

Today, I have included our organisation for the staggered return of students to face to face teaching at the College beginning week 3 (Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May). In the plan, you will see that Year 12 will be able to attend every day, Year 11, two times a week and the other year groups, one day per week. While onsite, students will engage in face to face lessons with their normal teacher. Obviously if a teacher is on leave for any reason, a substitute will replace them as is the normal situation. For students remaining at home when their class is scheduled to be at school, there will not be any online work set. Students can use the time to catch up work that has been previously organised and use the time for study and revision.

**It is vital that you keep your child at home if they are displaying the slightest respiratory illness.** Runny noses, cough and itchy throats in the past might have meant that a student could possibly be okay at school, but in these testing times, students will need to stay home. Please do not be offended if your child presents at school and has any of these sorts of symptoms and you are contacted to take them home. It is critical that we work together and be over cautious in these matters while the pandemic is still part of our lives. As I have mentioned in previous updates, I am responsible for the health and safety of all students and the 110 staff that I have on site every day.

The other area that I ask you to consider is informing the College if your child will be at school on days that they are not assigned. I ask you to do this via email 48 hours before the day that your child will be at school. This is needed so that I can organise appropriate supervision. If I know how many students I have onsite I am able to plan effectively.

Please look at the plan carefully. If you have any questions, please contact the College and we will endeavour to address your concerns.

Have a lovely weekend. If you are able to visit friends, enjoy their company safely.

Go gently,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Selmes'.

Mr Graeme Selmes  
**Principal**