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**St Paul's**  
Catholic College  
Booragul

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**Re: COVID – 19 Update No 28.**

Today we welcomed back Years 11 and 12. It was wonderful to see their beautiful smiling faces.

The Sausage Sizzle proved very popular and it was clear that the students were very happy to be here. Staff have reported to me that the engagement in classes has been excellent as the student are keen to make the most of the face to face teaching and learning.

Tomorrow, Year 12 will continue and we will welcome Year 9 for their day of face to face.

I thought I might share with you some of the processes and practices that we have in place to try to make St Paul's Catholic College a COVID – 19 Safe Work Place.

- ✓ All students have their hands sanitized when walking into class.
- ✓ Desks are sanitized after each lesson.
- ✓ Rooms remain open to the fresh air – this included spaces with air-conditioning.
- ✓ Yard seats and tables are sanitized after each break.
- ✓ High touch surfaces such as class phones, computer key boards and mice and door handles are sanitized every evening.
- ✓ Musical instruments, key boards and guitars are sanitized after each lesson.
- ✓ Classrooms that have been used during the day are identified and given a deeper clean each night.
- ✓ Social distancing signs have been placed in all areas of the college.
- ✓ PPE and laser thermometers are being used in the sick bays.
- ✓ Staggered lunch breaks for students on site.
- ✓ Changes to practices in practical subjects such as no contact drills in PE.
- ✓ No contact style games to be played at recess and lunch.
- ✓ Social distancing for all staff members in the staff study, lounge and office spaces.
- ✓ Restriction of adult contact on site. (Parent's asked not to come on site except for emergency pick up etc).
- ✓ Social distancing markers at canteen, main and student foyers and IT space.
- ✓ Hand sanitizer at every entrance point.
- ✓ Soap dispensers in all toilets
- ✓ Deep cleaning of toilet blocks and spray disinfecting after breaks.
- ✓ Reduced student numbers – staggered return to school.
- ✓ No assemblies, large gatherings or major liturgical celebrations.
- ✓ No sport program – no inter-school sports, drama, musicals etc.
- ✓ Staff and students to remain at home if they display any minor repertory symptoms.

We will continue to review our practices. Like everyone, this is new territory for all of us. I notice that the signs on the freeway and in other locations are asking all of us to stay at home if we have a minor cough or cold. As well, the Chief Medical Officer for Australia was at pains to stress that in his briefings over the week end. I thank all in our community in supporting us in this endeavour.

It is an exciting week for all of us here at St Paul's. The last few weeks have certainly reinforced the fact that learning is a relational experience for everyone. It seems that nothing can really replace face to face teaching for students. I suspect that Universities, where online learning is now the norm with limited face to face tutorials might be relooking at their business models.

I hope that all our mums and grand-mums, had a lovely day yesterday.

Stay safe.

Go gently,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G Selmes', written in a cursive style.

Mr Graeme Selmes  
***Principal***