

12 October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

### Updated Year 7-12 return to face-to-face learning

Once again, thank you for your patience, understanding and support during these challenging times and I know we will all emerge from this with a real sense of resilience.

We do have a COVID-safe plan which includes hygiene measures, regular cleaning, staff, and students wearing masks, social distancing and spacing in year groupings where possible, maintaining good ventilation and measures to regularly monitor and improve air quality.

Students will be informed about the COVID-19 learning requirements by their teacher throughout the remainder of Term 4 as we increase the amount of practical as opposed to theory lessons.

The new plan will see Year 12 students back at the Nirimba Campus on Monday 18 October with Year 11 (Nirimba) and Years 7-10 (Schofields) expected to return on Monday 25 October.

To provide planning time for staff on-site in preparation for all students returning to face-to-face learning by Monday 25 October, there will be a Staff Planning – Pupil Free Day on Friday 22 October. There will be no on-site or remote learning for the Year 7-12 students on this day. Please note this planning day has been brought forward from Friday 29 October.

YEAR 12	
Monday 18 October Week 3A	Year 12 will have access to the Nirimba campus and most of their teachers and follow their normal timetable until Friday 29 October, after that they will commence STUVAC at home preparation for their HSC. Year 12 teachers will be available via remote learning according to their timetable from Monday 1 November to Monday 8 November.
Friday 22 October	Staff Planning – Pupil Free Day - no on-site or remote learning.
Tuesday 9 November	The HSC commences and will conclude on Friday 3 December.
Tuesday 7 December	Graduation Mass and Ceremony – 10.00am – 1.00pm at Nirimba.
Wednesday 8 December	Formal – 6.00pm – 10.00pm at Parramatta. <i>(More details will be sent to families about these two events.)</i>

YEAR 11	
Monday 25 October Week 4B	Year 11 will have access to the Nirimba campus and most of their teachers.
Due to HSC COVID Safety Plan, there will be some dates when Year 11 will be required to complete remote learning/completing HSC Assessment tasks from home as the higher candidature HSC examinations are going to require more rooms, supervisors, and strict protocols.	
The dates are as follows:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 November (Tuesday Week 6)</li> <li>10 November (Wednesday Week 6)</li> <li>15 November (Monday Week 7)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>25 November (Thursday Week 8, and</li> <li>7 December (Tuesday Week 10) for the Year 12 Graduation Mass and Ceremony.</li> </ul>

<b>YEAR 7 - 10</b>	
Monday 25 October Week 5A	Year 7 – 10 will have access to the Schofields campus and most of their teachers

When the students return on-site there will be no representative sport or learning enrichment during Periods 5 & 6 each Thursday. Students will be repeating Periods 3 and 4 from this day of their timetable. We will inform you later this term when there is a variation to this plan to create some internal wellbeing and sporting activities during Periods 5 and 6 on a Thursday.

School buses will resume on Monday 25 October. Please refer to the Busway services link for more information. <https://www.busways.com.au/nsw/school-services/school-timetables>

Year 7 - 11 Student Reports may change to accommodate the remote learning experience and ability to communicate this information effectively. The Federal Education Minister Alan Tudge has announced schools will still report but are not restricted to an A-E grade reporting structure. The Parent/Carer/Student/Teacher zoom interviews will still occur in Week 11, this Term.

The Nirimba and Schofields canteen will reopen on Monday 25 October.

On a personal note, as already advised I have accepted the invitation to be the Principal of Penola Catholic College, Emu Plains commencing Term 1, 2022. I thank each student, parent/carer and staff for the incredible trust you have placed in me during my nearly 23 years in a leadership position at Terra Sancta /St John Paul II Catholic College. I sincerely hope that I will have the opportunity to thank you personally at the end of Term 4.

Thank you for supporting our students, staff, parents/carers, and other community members during more than 100 days of 'lockdown'. We will continue together to respond to COVID-19

Stay Safe,



Jim Fanning  
Principal