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School Operations Update – Friday 23rd July, 2021

Dear Parents/Caregivers,



Again, this week I extend my greatest thanks to you all for continuing to support the NSW Health Guidelines and keeping your children at home. As a school, today's announcements have now seen us almost completely surrounded by local Government areas in hard lockdown. With the inclusion of the Blacktown and Cumberland LGAs in the tightened restrictions, we need to remain as vigilant as we have been in following the guidelines. We also know that our own Penrith local government area also has active cases of this highly infectious virus.

I know that this is a very stressful time for Yr 12 students who are not permitted to be at school to complete major works. I can absolutely guarantee that we will be employing misadventure processes for every student and subject as a response to the current situation. I will post some direct messages into the Yr 12 classrooms on Monday to check in with students and to reassure them that they are always at the centre of any decisions or planning actions that I am making. If students in Yr 12 (or any other year group) have specific questions, they should post them in the Year based Google classrooms and we will answer them as quickly as possible.

We all have a role to play in stopping the spread and I am thankful to you all for doing your bit!

- The 'Stay at Home' orders continue until midnight on the 30th July, 2021; and may be extended beyond this date!

- We are going to continue to operate in the exact same way as we have been. Students will continue to learn from home during this time and we are very proud of how students have connected with their teachers in this mode. If your child needs access to a device or assistance with any aspect of the Google Classrooms, please call the front office and we will arrange this for you.
- We have minimal staff on site (only Senior Executive staff are present) – if you call the office and we are unable to answer at the time, please send an email inquiry to the school admin account and we will respond as soon as possible.
- As we have already established, school is open for children of **essential workers only who has absolutely no other option**. Parents are encouraged to keep children at home where possible. We will only be providing minimal staff supervision, with all learning being conducted online via Google Classrooms. Whether onsite or learning from home, all students will complete the same lessons with no direct face-to-face instruction.
- All Sydney West, CHS and State-wide sporting events have been placed on pause; if you are missing your sporting fix, I encourage you to enjoy the Olympics – a great learning/working from home activity.
- If you have to get forms or other documents to the school, please drop them into the mailbox along the front of the school (located near Gate A – this is being emptied regularly and we will respond to any matters as they arise.
- No external visitors, are allowed on site; we have minimal staff on site also and will attempt to respond to any calls as quickly as we can.
- A number of transport routes are significantly impacted under the current structures, with no school buses operating and most services following the Sunday timetables.
- Members of the Senior Executive team (Principal or Deputy Principals) may call you to check in with you and your children over the next few weeks – we will be calling from locked mobile devices and it may come up as an unknown number; please pick up if you can, or call the school number to return the call – 9834 3536. Alternatively, you could send an email to the school admin account.

Please ensure that you have downloaded the SkoolBag App to get regular updates and reminders directly to your mobile device – this can be downloaded for free from the Google store (Android) or the I-Tunes store (Apple).

We appreciate that this is a very difficult time for all members of our community. It is important that we honour the government requests and keep students at home until after the 30th July, 2021. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Kind regards,



Brenda Quayle
Principal
23rd July 2021