



STRATHFIELD GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

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Monday 27 April, 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope you had a good break and enjoyed the time with your family.

I am writing to inform you of the changes that will occur regarding teaching and learning in Term 2.

Today, Monday 27 April and tomorrow, Tuesday 28 April are pupil-free School Development Days to support staff with additional planning and professional learning with the new mode of delivery in teaching and learning.

The Remote Learning mode will re-commence from Wednesday, 29 April similar to the end of last term for Years 7-11 for Weeks 1 and 2. A reminder the school is open and will remain open for those parents working in the health system, education system, emergency services and for other essential service workers who need their children to be supervised at the school site during the school day.

Year 12 has received their timetable for Weeks 1 and 2 commencing Wednesday, 29 April 2020. This model allows our Year 12 students to receive their Mid Year examination feedback and catch up with their teachers on Term 1 learning material. These face-to-face 2 hour sessions is the priority over Weeks 1 & 2. Students must continue with their learning on online platforms when they are not attending the face-to-face sessions.

The Premier last week announced there will be a managed return to school in Term 2 commencing, Wednesday 29 April.

There are five phases to get us back to full onsite school operations:

- **Phase 0** Where we currently are, schools are open for families who need it
- **Phase 1** Students at school at least **one** day per week.
- **Phase 2** Students at school at least **two** days per week.
- **Phase 3** Students at school **five** days per week, with social distancing measures
- **Phase 4** Students at school **five** days per week, with full school activities

We will communicate directly with parents, carers and students throughout Term 2 regarding changes to the phases as relevant information becomes available and the respective planning is finalised to meet the specific needs of our school.

However, on Monday, 11 May, we will move into Phase One of the managed return to school plan for students. In this phase, all NSW students will attend school one day per week and learn remotely 4 days per week. It is anticipated that all NSW students will

increase the number of days at school before the end of the term, under the advice of NSW Health Department and Department of Education.

This week, I will consult with the executive team and staff to finalise the structure for Strathfield Girls High School's Phase One managed return for our students.

I will communicate the structure at the end of the week to inform all members of the community how the school will operate from Monday, 11 May in supporting each year with the transition of one day per week of face to face learning.

Just a reminder, as your daughter commences her study this term, please note the following helpful tips:

- Establish routines and expectations;
- Define a space for your child to work in;
- Monitor communications from teachers.
- Begin and end each day with a check-in.
- Take an active role in helping your children process their learning.
- Encourage physical activity and/or exercise.
- Check in with your child regularly to help them manage stress.
- Monitor how much time your child is spending online.
- Keep your children social, but set rules around their social media interactions.

The website <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families> has been updated and may have information that supports and guides you in making best decisions for your child.

The school will continue to communicate via email at various times and through the school's website. Please ensure that all your contact details are current to ensure effective communication between the home and school. To update your details, please email katrina.koutoulas@det.nsw.edu.au.

I would like to thank my dedicated team of professional staff who have worked beyond expectation to move onto online platforms and continue to track, monitor and ensure that all their students were engaging with their learning. I am confident that staff will continue to engage and monitor all students this term.

Thank you for your ongoing support as the health and safety of our students and staff is of paramount importance and our priority. Please continue to check our website for updates.

Looking forward to another great term where we can work together to support our girls in their continuity of learning.

Yours sincerely

Angela Lyris