



19 May 2020

Dear Members of the Lindisfarne Community,

COVID-19 Update 14 - Phase 4 Return to School Plan
Full return of Students to face to face learning effective Monday 25 May 2020

Following the official announcement by the NSW Premier that students will return to face to face learning on Monday, 25 May, I wish to officially confirm that all Lindisfarne Anglican Grammar Students will also return to school from Monday next week.

Plans for this week will continue in line with Phase 3 of our return to School Plan as previously advised and as of Monday, 25 May, we will move to Phase 4 of our Return to School Plan. A reminder that Phase 4 involves students being back to school for face to face learning however the School environment will remain restrictive whilst we continue to navigate the impact of COVID-19. Details of our Return to School Plan have been updated on the [ConnectEd website](#).

As such I want to reiterate the following important points including a number of measures to minimise the risk of transmission of COVID-19 at the School as outlined below:

- Any students or staff with cold and flu-like symptoms or respiratory illness are to remain at home and are encouraged to seek medical advice.
- Students and staff are to report to Student Administration if they feel unwell during the school day or have any cold or flu-like symptoms.
- Student temperatures will be checked upon arrival at school. All students are requested to enter the School via the central staircase or from the student car park or as outlined by Mr Douglas in the case of the Junior School.
- If the student's temperature is over 37°C, they will be asked to go to the sickbay for further checking. Parents will be contacted and students sent home if it appears the students have a fever.
- At Mahers Lane, as students enter their class, they are asked to collect an antiseptic wipe and wipe down the chair and desk they choose to use, and any equipment needed.
- Students and staff are to use hand sanitiser as they enter and leave the classroom. Regular hand washing is encouraged throughout the school day.
- Additional and ongoing cleaning of school facilities and surfaces will be undertaken throughout the day.

- Whilst social and physical distancing measures have been relaxed for School students we continue to ask Students to avoid unnecessary contact with others, maintaining social distancing wherever possible.
- All inter-school sports, assemblies, functions, events, excursions and other large gatherings remain suspended at this time.
- Students attending school may wear either their sports uniform or formal uniform. Whichever uniform is worn, it is to be worn correctly. Likewise, hair and jewellery rules and expectations still apply. If a student has a practical PDHPE lesson, they will be required to wear their sports uniform for the whole day.
- During Week 4 the timetable has been changed for students in Years 7 to 12 which is reflected on the student's timetable in TASS. From Week 5, the School will revert to its regular timetable. The timetable for Thursday will continue to include Homeroom / House Tutor Group time in the morning as per the timetable for other days.
- Canteen orders must be pre-ordered at both campuses through [flexischools](#). There will be no over the counter sales at this time.
- There will be restricted access for parents and visitors to both campuses of the School until further notice.
- Buses will be running, however, parents are encouraged to transport students to and from school. Students are to use hand sanitiser as they board the bus.
 - Lindisfarne school buses will operate as per the regular timetable and we have additional cleaning measures in place.
 - Surfside Buslines has informed us that their school and urban fleet are segregated and that it has implemented additional cleaning practices across its entire business and is following World Health Organisation guidelines.

Parents, staff and senior students are encouraged to download the COVID Safe App if they feel comfortable to do so to assist with containment measures of COVID-19 and tracing of close contacts in the event of a diagnosed case.

The NSW Premier and Health authorities are ramping up testing for COVID-19 and are encouraging even those with the mildest symptoms to get tested. Any member of the School Community who is tested for COVID-19 is to self isolate at home until test results are returned. This includes all members of your immediate family including any school-aged children.

Students will notice the progression in building works for our new Middle School building. Students, parents and staff are not to use the northern driveway adjacent to the Chapel. It is closed to vehicles and pedestrian traffic. Please observe the barriers and signs around the School.

The list above is extensive but we need to remember these are unprecedented times as we continue to respond to a global pandemic.

During this week while a number of students continue to work online at home, Years 5 to 10 students are required to complete the [Online Attendance Form](#). It is anticipated that all students will be on-site as from next Monday. Please use the [Parent Lounge](#) to inform the School of absence, or email studentadmin@lindisfarne.nsw.edu.au. Please ensure to do this to allow the smooth operations of the School to continue.

Finally, thank you to all members of the School Community as we continue to work through the implications of COVID-19. Our staff, students and parents have simply been remarkable during a time of rapid change for us all.

We look forward to seeing all students return next week as we take another very important step in our Return to School Plan.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stuart Marquardt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Stuart Marquardt
Principal