



8 August 2021

COLLEGE COMMUNITY UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your support and encouragement throughout the last week. This morning the Government announced that the lockdown will end at 4:00pm today so that schools are free to return to learning at school, although there are some restrictions that will need to be implemented for schooling for the next two weeks. Hillcrest Christian College will therefore return to normal scheduled classes as of tomorrow morning. We do acknowledge that some families for personal or medical reasons may choose to not send their children back to school tomorrow. Can I ask that these families please contact their relevant Heads of Community to discuss their needs for the upcoming week.

After early consideration of the Government directives that have been made, the following decisions have been put in place for the commencement of the week;

- All staff will be wearing masks at all times except when sitting and eating – this means all staff will be wearing masks in classes.
- All students in Years 7-12 must wear masks at all times except when they are seated and eating
- The College is looking at how we can implement a school wide approach for staff and students who have medical exemptions from wearing a mask.
- Year 12 students will be back at school in preparation for their final assessment tasks which will be held this coming Friday and the following Monday. Many Year 12 students are completing final assignments this week.
- Community sport has been cancelled as per Government mandate, so school based sport will not be held this week.
- Sparks and Flames will also not occur this week.
- There will be no co-curricular activities this week (however individual private lessons for music and choral will run as normal).
- Parents will be allowed to access drop off zones on site and to pick up to drop off children but not allowed to leave their car with the exception of ELC or for students in distress (Parents will need to have masks on if they leave their vehicles).
- There will be no large gatherings of students, such as Gatherings or Assemblies, this week.
- As per my last communication, the events that were cancelled remain cancelled.
- The College will continue to meet Covid safe practices with additional cleaning of areas, social distancing and hand sanitisers being utilised for all students and staff on site.

The College continues to take a cautious approach to all Covid related decisions and seeks your support in ensuring that the safety of students, staff and families remain the highest priority. Further communication will be issued during the week as additional decisions are made.

Have a blessed week.

Blessings

Jeff Davis
Executive Head of College