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29th January 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope you have enjoyed the holidays and that you are looking forward to the return to school for students in 2021. I would like to extend a warm welcome to our students and families who are joining Brisbane Water Secondary College for the first time in 2021.

Organisation for Week 1

Teachers returned to school for two Staff Development Days (SDD) on the 27th and 28th of January.

Students in Year 7 return on Friday 29th January and students in Year 8, Year 9 return on Monday 1st February 2021.

Information outlining the procedures on the return morning for each year group will be located on the Google Classroom from Wednesday 27th January.

COVID-19

Unfortunately, we have still been impacted by COVID-19 across Australia and specifically the Greater Sydney, Blue Mountains and Central Coast areas. I have listed some of the specific guidelines that impact parents and students as we return to school this week.

Parents and carers can enter the school to:

- meet with school staff with an appointment (including meetings for prospective students)
- drop off students in Year 7 for the first few days of school provided they following physical distancing and hygiene measures implemented by the school and the department. Parents and carers may also enter the school to pick up students for the first few days based on each school's arrangements for these year groups.
- attend parent orientation meetings for Year 7 and 'meet the teacher' meetings with school staff for all year/stage groups. Meetings will be limited to 1 hour where possible. [A COVID-19 Safety Plan](#) will also be in place

Additional advice

- All students and staff will attend school as usual unless they are unwell.
- Students and staff are not required to wear a face mask while at school. Families and staff should adhere to the [NSW Health advice regarding masks](#). While masks are currently mandatory on public transport and in most indoor settings in Greater Sydney, metropolitan Sydney, the Blue Mountains, Central Coast and Wollongong, they are not mandatory for parents and carers visiting schools, provided they maintain physical distancing and hygiene practices while on site.

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- Students over 12 must wear masks on public transport when travelling to and from school ([NSW Health advice regarding masks](#)).
- Bottle filling stations and bubblers in schools can now be turned on. However, students are still encouraged to bring water bottles that they can refill throughout the day.
- Hygiene measures in place for 2020 will remain in place until further notice. These include extra cleaners during the school day, the ongoing focus on the importance of hand sanitation, and social distancing between staff.
- Schools will be using the NSW Government QR code for visitors to the school.

I will provide you with updates on COVID-19 restrictions as they occur and look forward to working with you to support our students in the new school year.

Yours sincerely

Kerrie O'Heir
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