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30th July 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

We are looking forward to a great term and are enjoying settling back into the classroom learning environment. I hope students and families have had a well-earned break and are keeping well. With updated health advice and changes to State and National restrictions, schools have been able to recommence the majority of school-based activities from the start of Term 3.

The return to school means that all students should be learning on campus unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence. Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell, even if they have mild symptoms. Parents/Carers will be contacted and requested to pick their child up if they come to school unwell or become unwell whilst at school. **Given the current COVID-19 environment, it is more important than ever for the school to have correct contact details on record. Accordingly, if your details or details of emergency contacts for your child have changed this year, please complete the attached form and return it to the Front Office.**

All students and staff who have visited Victoria must have a NSW border entry pass and are required to self-isolate for a period of 14 days. This means that all students and staff who have visited Victoria in the 14 days before the start of school should not attend school until they complete the 14 days self-isolation period since they left Victoria.

BWSC Umina Campus is vigilant when implementing infection control, physical distancing and personal hygiene protocols to protect the health and safety of students and staff. We promote and follow good hygiene practices including:

- regularly washing hands
- avoiding sharing drinks or food
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately
- filling water bottles from hydration stations around the school and not using bubblers directly.

The activities that are permitted at school will be conducted in a way that is safe and appropriate in the current environment. Those that remain on hold will be reviewed during the term and will recommence when appropriate, based on health and other relevant advice. Students and families will be advised of any changes that may occur and will be updated as information becomes available to us.

Term 3 Events

- Semester 1 reports will be distributed electronically by Week 6 of this term. Accordingly, please ensure your current email address is up to date with the school. As previously communicated, the reports for Semester 1 will not have ranks or grades as formal assessment processes could not be implemented during the COVID-19 remote learning period of time.

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- Year 8 students are currently embarking on the Subject Selection process to choose their Electives for Year 9 in 2021. This year our process is a little different due to COVID restrictions which prohibit us from having an event at the school for families and students. Therefore information and presentations will be presented on-line. Please keep an eye out for this information over the next few weeks.
- Central Coast Public Education Appreciation Awards will be celebrated in Week 3 of Term 3. I would like to recognise and congratulate the incredible work of three outstanding members of staff at BWSC Umina Campus, who have contributed valuably in many different ways to the learning and wellbeing of our students, staff and community. Congratulations to Erika Rowe, Mitchell Marlin and Katie Thepsiri.
- Thank you to all the parents and carers who responded to our survey on the Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Services Department of Education policy. We are currently developing a strategy to address some of the concerns raised and will release details of the Umina Campus strategy soon. Watch this space!

To ensure the safety of all students and staff at BWSC Umina, restrictions are still in place where non-essential personnel are not permitted on school grounds or at school events - this includes parents and carers. At times we may organise a meeting implementing AHPPC and NSW Health guidelines and when this occurs it is necessary for visitors to complete the **External Visitors to School Site** form. This form outlines obligations to comply with the health advice of the day and to provide us with your contact details to be used in an emergency or when performing contact tracing, if required.

We are very aware of the difficult environment that we are all experiencing and we appreciate you maintaining courteous and respectful communications in person, on the phone and in writing to all our staff at BWSC Umina Campus.

Thank you for your ongoing understanding and support.

Kerrie O'Heir

Principal

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