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Dear Parents and Guardians of Year 11 Students

I hope that the Easter break provided a time of rest and connection for you and your families, even during the difficult circumstances we find ourselves in. I wish to reiterate how proud I am of all Year 11 students for the way in which they have conducted themselves and supported one another during this time. After an extended Term 1 break I am very much looking forward to welcoming back students, encouraging connection and continuing to support those students who are working from home.

Our hope is to build on the resilience and connection founded during this difficult time and continue to support students to forge strong relationships with one another and the wider community. With Christ at the centre, we continue to build on the key themes of respect and resilience to help our students reach their full potential.

Day One - Student Return

Students are strongly encouraged to return to the College on Wednesday 29 April and need to comply with the College uniform policy. This includes, but is not limited to, items such as hair and jewellery. Students need to comply with the College uniform policy. This includes, but is not limited to, items such as hair and jewellery. As families would be aware, the requirement is for students to return to Term 2 in full winter uniform. However, there is a grace period of two weeks, until such time as parents have an opportunity to either place uniform orders online or organise fittings. Students will have the choice to be in either winter or summer uniform during Weeks 1 and 2. (Students participating in Physical Education classes are permitted to wear their sports uniform on those days.)

Students will move to PCG rooms at 8.45am and the day will start with a short year group assembly that will occur remotely. The assembly will also provide further information on the structure of the school day, lessons, assessments, and other important topics.

It is important that students arrive prepared and with all their relevant material and class resources.

Curriculum

Regarding Years 11 and 12 Curriculum, formative assessment will continue to be distributed and all students are expected to complete and submit these. Assignments and take-home tasks will still be classified as summative assessment and will contribute to students' marks and grades

Arrangements regarding Years 11 and 12 Semester 1 Examinations will be shared with staff, students and parents following further advice from the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA).

Wellbeing

We recognise that this is a trying time for students, and I would like to remind you of the wellbeing support available for students.

The Class of 2021 – Year 11 Team page has been setup and contains daily updates, PCG check ins, resources and a range of activities to help bring about balance and positivity for students. I encourage students to access this Team page daily and speak to their PCG teacher or me as their Leader of Wellbeing if they have any questions or concerns.

Additionally, Year 11s and 12 students have access to the College Counselling Team who are available onsite to provide support to students.

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Other Items

- Uniform Shop Please contact the uniform shop if you require any items and/or need to arrange a fitting. Details can be found via the following link: https://www.newman.wa.edu.au/families/newman-college-uniform-shop/
- Public Transport Swan Transit have confirmed that they will continue to run Saturday timetables during the week commencing 27 April. Further details can be found via the following link: <u>https://www.transperth.wa.gov.au/Using-</u> Transperth/Coronavirus-Advice/Changes-to-services/May-4
- Parents not on campus If students need to be collected from Student Administration for sickness or medical appointments, parents are asked to report to Main Administration.
- Canteen Service The canteen is available for students, however, service is limited to FlexiSchool orders. Further details can be found at the following link: https://www.newman.wa.edu.au/families/canteen/
- Lockers Unfortunately, lockers will be unavailable for use for at least the first 4 weeks of term. If students currently have any items left in their lockers, they will need to remove these items on the first day back.

I recognise that Year 11 is a critical point in the lives of young people and appreciate that this has been a difficult time for all students and families. If you have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please do not hesitate to contact me. Students are most welcome to contact me via Seqta, teams or student services should they have any questions, concerns or need help. PCG teachers and the College Counselling team are also available to assist with student concerns and provide support.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the College during this difficult time, I feel very privileged to be working with such supportive parents and such wonderful students.

Yours sincerely

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