



St Mary MacKillop College

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The CEWA Review has concluded, and I am now delighted to encourage all our students to return to the College as soon as possible. Students in Years K-10 are now undertaking remote lessons in their timetabled classrooms with their teachers present, so any students wishing to return immediately will be most welcome, as we transition back to a 'new normal' before **face to face classes recommence on Monday 18 May.**

Having students back in classrooms from tomorrow will enable us to re-establish classroom expectations and hygiene practices with students, and allow them to reconnect with friends, sort out their lockers or desks and begin to settle back into routine before resuming normal classes. The CEWA policy for teachers to deliver one mode of teaching only remains in place, so any students who remain at home from Monday 18 May can access SEQTA resources. We remind you that, if your child is unwell, please do not send them to school.

Tomorrow, we will provide details regarding College policies, services and arrangements following the Premier's announcement on schooling. In the meantime, students wishing to return from tomorrow can wear either their winter or summer uniform at this stage.

During these four weeks of Remote Learning we have learnt so much, most importantly how effective we can be in this space, delivering our curriculum and continuing to connect with students. This gives us enormous confidence in our College community, in the unfortunate event, that we may find ourselves in a similar position in the future. Students returning speak of a new appreciation for our College, and of new skills and abilities they gained from Remote Learning which they may not have otherwise realised. The same applies to our staff, who adapted and upskilled themselves in new technologies in an extremely short timeframe.

Most importantly, thank you to all our families for your wonderful support and work in what has been a most challenging time. We always talk about the relationships that we build here at the College, and never has it been so vital than in the past month. Congratulations to everyone. I look forward to us revitalising the wonderful life that we enjoy here in the South West as members of this fantastic College community.

Regards

Frank Norton
Principal