



1 May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers/Students

### Re: Year 12 - Return to School Arrangements

I hope this letter finds you well. The staff at De La Salle Catholic College Cronulla are looking forward to the return of Year 12 students next Monday, 4 May. I think it is important though, that all necessary precautions are taken to ensure a successful return to face to face teaching for both students (and their parents) and teachers. I provide a list below of some important considerations/procedures for next Monday.

#### Covid-19 Precautions

- **On Arrival to the College - Temperature Checks:**  
In this first week of return, could I ask all Year 12 students to enter the school via the single gate next to the College Office on Gunnamatta Road. (All the gates on Cross Road will be closed). As students proceed through the gate (near the College Canteen) a quick check of each student's temperature will be conducted with a thermal thermometer on their forehead as a means of a precautionary safeguard before they enter the school site. (\*Under NSW Health guidelines any student that records a temperature of 38 degrees celsius or above will be required to go home.)
- **Classes on Monday:**  
Lessons will be for Day 6 as per the College timetable. Homeroom will be extended on this day from 8.45am till 9.10am to reinforce Covid-19 guidelines in operation for the College. This will be followed by a shortened Period 1 and then normal classes for periods 2 - 5. There will be no assemblies at this time until further notice.
- **Dismissal:**  
Normal dismissal time of 3.00pm will be in operation but all gates across the College will be opened for students to exit. \*Please note when Year 11 returns from Monday, 11 May dismissal time will be staggered by 5 mins for Year 11 (2.55 pm) and Year 12 (3.00 pm).
- **Social Distancing:**  
This will be observed, even though the Australian Chief Medical Officer and Prime Minister have stressed that social distancing measures did not need to be followed in schools by students. It still is important for all adults, including teachers and students, to follow the social distancing practices while at school, whether in the classroom or on the playground and that a minimum distance of 1.5m still needs to be engaged. In particular, students will see the line up to the Canteen/Learning Centre with clearly marked spaces on the ground for students to follow. Spacing may be evident with students' tables across some of our classrooms.
- **Students Feeling Unwell:**  
Could I reiterate the following: Parents please ensure any student who is feeling unwell (particularly any cold/flu symptoms) be kept at home. Any student who develops or presents with cold/flu symptoms at the College will be required to go home. The NSW Health website provides the following link/information on [testing for COVID-19 in NSW for those with symptoms](#) for parents and students. Could I strongly suggest any members of our College community utilise this service if any family members are presenting with any symptoms of Covid-19. The testing centre is located at Sutherland Hospital, (Old Emergency Department) Ground Floor, Kareena Road, Caringbah, and is open 7 days 8am - 8pm.
- **College Cleaning:**  
As mentioned in my last correspondence to you on the 28 April, the College will continue to be hypervigilant with regards to personal hygiene and the cleanliness of the school site, particularly

around high-traffic areas. Extra cleaning on a daily basis with our cleaning contractor has been incorporated during the current period particularly around 'frequently touched surfaces'. Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms and across the College. Could I please encourage all students to wash their hands thoroughly and regularly.

#### Preparation for Lessons

Could all students please ensure the following in preparation for your return to face to face lessons. Please make sure your **laptop is charged (and in the short-term bring chargers)**, bring **headphones/AirPods** for some Zoom lessons that may be in operation. Please see the email from Mrs Braunig (DLS Cronulla IT Technician) regarding the latest version of Zoom that was emailed to all students on Thursday, 30 April.

#### Uniform and Grooming

Just a reminder to all students that winter uniform is to be worn in Term 2. Could students please remember to abide by the College uniform (grooming) code as stated on page 20 of the College Diary. A couple of areas I would like to draw your attention to on your return to the College:

- In Terms 2 & 3 the College blazer must be worn while travelling to and from the College. College jumper may be worn under the blazer. No hoodies.
- Jewellery: One metal bracelet and one ring, pierced ears - one pair of gold/silver small earrings. No facial piercings and no visible tattoos.
- Hair: Natural colour (no heavy dying of hair), boys' hair is to be worn above the collar.

Miranda Lowes has continued to keep their doors open for parents to buy the school uniforms and other items. They currently have all stock of the Girls Blazers and Pullovers. They are only out of one size of the Boys Blazers which is size 22.

#### Other General Information

A reminder of a few other areas:

- **Some staff are required to work remotely** (due to NSW Health guidelines). There are a small number of staff who need to deliver lessons online. These lessons will be supervised in the Learning Centre or in students' regular timetabled classroom.
- **Some students required to work from home** (due to health concerns supported by a medical practitioner). There are a few students who are required to work from home. Could I ask these students to email their subject teachers regarding day to day lessons and the College (where possible) may be able to offer a Zoom video conference on the 'live' lessons as they occur here at the College. (Unfortunately we cannot support a dual mode of learning.)
- (As previously stated) If students have a **study period in periods 1 or 5** you will have the flexibility of working from home. Students need to ensure that they sign in and out of the College (with their student ID card) through the College Office. Failure to do so will mean that this privilege will be revoked.

Thank you for the support and perseverance that parents and students have displayed over the past few months. I too, have truly been blessed to have a teaching and support staff at the College that have worked tirelessly over this period of online learning and we all look forward now to continuing to prepare your sons/daughters in their preparation for the Higher School Certificate.

Yours faithfully



**Stephen Mahoney**  
Principal