

4 February 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in ensuring our students receive continuity in their educational pathways during the COVID Pandemic.

Our student's safety is always paramount and in order to minimise the number of students that may need to stay away from school if a 'close contact' is identified, or if a staff or student contracts COVID, we have revised our school COVID plan. We are also aiming to minimise risk on our school grounds by keeping year levels together, and separate from other year levels, when inside.

CEWA have provided recent updates for schools, and these will continue next week. At this current time, the following will be implemented as of Monday 7 February:


1. Parents will be able to enter the Administration area for usual communication needs. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to attend school events, but will be able to drop off and pick up students on school grounds.
2. Junior School and Year 10 Parent information sessions are now cancelled; however, they will be pre-recorded and a link will be sent to you in Week 3.
3. Assemblies
 - a. Junior School assemblies will be live streamed. Other year levels will stay in their own class groups to view the assemblies.
 - b. Whole school assemblies, such as the End of Term Assembly will be live streamed.
4. Gospel Reflection on Fridays will become class based for Junior School and via House Tutor Groups (HTG) for secondary students.
5. Mass: Whole school Opening Mass - will be live streamed from our Parish Church. (St Helena's of the Holy Cross).
6. Secondary HTG's will temporarily become Year Level based. Students HTG's will be noted on their timetables as of Monday. Students may have different HTG rooms and teachers, temporarily.
7. Excursions and events outside of school will be cancelled, unless deemed a necessity, and protocols followed.

The engagement of students in their education is a priority at this time. We are hoping that these measures will endeavour to enable more students to experience 'face to face' teaching should a situation arise.

More information will be communicated to you when we receive further directives. As Holy Cross is renowned for its PK -12 connected community, we are hoping we can return to some normalcy as soon as is practically possible.

I ask that we continue to keep those experiencing COVID, service providers and carers in your prayers, as well as the safety of our whole college community.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Hornby". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

Julie Hornby
Principal