

10 July 2020

Start to Term 3 Arrangements

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Further to the Headmaster's email on Wednesday 8 July, I write to update you on our planning and preparation for Term 3.

My thanks for your support of the boys through distance learning in Term 2 and in anticipation of your further support at this time as we navigate further changed circumstances.

I am mindful of the challenges for those of you who find yourselves again working from home with your sons studying off-site, and I appreciate and thank you for your understanding. The BGS [Distance Learning](#) page will continue to be a useful resource where you can find [tips for parents](#) and [tips for boys](#).

What will Term 3 look like?

- All Secondary School students will revert to the regular on-site timetable. An updated timetable will be distributed to students prior to their return to school.
- School times for all students will be 8.30am start (9.00am on Thursday) and 3.35pm finish.
- Parents and visitors are not permitted on-site until further notice.

Year 10-12 students

- Students will attend school on-site from Tuesday 14 July.
- Boys are expected to wear academic school uniform and have appropriate haircuts; please refer to the [uniform and haircut guidelines](#) for further clarification. Students who do not have appropriate haircuts may be sent home.
- There will be no excursions or large group meetings for the foreseeable future.
- Students will join live or recorded Assembly and Chapel services through Zoom in Tutor Groups.
- The canteen will remain closed. Boys will therefore need to bring food and drinks from home.
- Street Leave will not be available for the Year 12 students during their lunch break.
- Boys will have their temperature checked on arrival. If a boy has a temperature of 37.5 degrees or above, he will not be able to attend school. In this circumstance, siblings will also need to return home.
- Sanitiser stations will continue to be available at each entrance to the School and in each classroom. Boys will be required to sanitise their hands on entry and exit.
- Boys should not attend school if they have any symptoms of COVID-19 or the onset of any illness at all.

Year 7-9 students

- Students begin Distance Learning 3.0 from Wednesday 15 July.
- As previously, each boy will receive a mixture of synchronous (direct online instruction) and asynchronous (working offline) learning.
- Students will join live or recorded Assembly and Chapel services through Zoom links. The first Assembly will take place during pastoral time on Wednesday 15 July.

- Year 7 and 8 boys will join a Zoom room for pastoral time with their Tutors during timetabled pastoral time.
- Year 9 boys will join a Year level meeting with Travis Hopgood, Director of Students during pastoral time on Thursday 16 July when they will learn how their pastoral time will be scheduled during Distance Learning 3.0.
- In line with our Effective Learner Model and being 'ready to learn', we expect the boys to have appropriate haircuts and to wear their sports uniform during the school day.
- Students have clear behavioural expectations for online platforms based on the School's values, existing policies and the BGS Code of Conduct. Parents will be contacted if these are breached.
- Boys can contact our [IT team](#) if they require IT support.
- Teachers will be available to respond to any questions or concerns during school hours (8.00am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday).
- All students should have their learning materials at home. Students who need to access their lockers must contact [Travis Hopgood](#). Times are limited to Tuesday 14 July and will be organised by Year Level/House. Only students are permitted to enter the school.
- We will continue to offer a wide range of co-curricular options for the boys. These will be available through a Hub page called 'The Oak'.

Term 3 Key Dates

Information regarding the format of these events will be sent to parents during Term 3.

Tuesday 21 July	Years 9 –11 Subject Information Evenings
Wednesday 22 July	Coaching Day (Years 7 – 12)
Tuesday 28 July	Parent Teacher Student Discussions
Thursday 30 July	Parent Teacher Student Discussions
Monday 17 August	Mid-term break
Friday 18 September	Final day of Term 3

Counselling support will continue to be available for students. Zoom appointments will be offered to those students in Distance Learning. Students or parents can contact the relevant Secondary School Psychologist: [Jacqui Ormsby](#) (Years 7–8) available Monday to Thursday and [Naomi Tham](#) (Years 9–12) available Monday to Friday.

We will continue to act in the best interests of our boys and staff and I thank you for your ongoing support. Please do not hesitate to make contact via email with your son's Head of House/Year or me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Rachel Horton

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