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Dear Parent / Carer,

The end of Term 3 has been a busy one for our school and others throughout the state. We're happy to say that together we made it through what has been a constantly-changing and sometimes difficult Term. We could not have done it without the incredible commitment from all of our families who supported learning from home, and from our fantastic teaching and school staff. I want to thank you all for your efforts to continue to keep our school community safe – I know everyone has faced different challenges at different times through the term.

We are hopeful of a possible return to school at some point in Term 4. Please read through the following updates before the start of the school holidays and don't hesitate to reach out for support or with any questions.

## **Return to school roadmap for Term 4**

*At the time of writing this letter, the advice is that your children will continue to engage with learning from home in Term 4 and will only return when deemed safe to do so by NSW Health.*

*We will update you when we become eligible for the staggered return to school outlined below.*

*Until then, we ask that you continue to support us and the wider community by continuing to keep your children at home where possible.*

If stay-at-home rules are still in place, but high community vaccination and low transmission conditions are met, students may be able to return to school in a staggered approach for prioritised year groups, with no mingling or on-site activities.

## **The order of return under a staggered approach**

Students will return to face-to-face learning if we meet [Level 3 plus](#) settings in the following order:

From 1 November 2021: Year 11

From 8 November 2021: Years 7, 8, 9 and 10.

The return to school roadmap is subject to change depending on new information expected through the Public Health Order and additional advice from NSW Health. You can stay up to date with the most recent advice on our [Advice for families page](#).

## HSC

The official last day for Year 12 is this Friday 17 September 2021, however students will continue to be supported up until their exams in any way we can and in line with Health Orders.

HSC exams will proceed for all students from 9 November 2021 in a COVID-safe way, in line with NSW Health advice.

## Vaccinations for students aged 12 years and over

Young people aged 12 years and over are now also eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. You can [book in your children for Pfizer now](#), or Moderna from Monday 20 September.

Vaccination appointments are available at more than 3,000 locations across NSW, including GPs and pharmacies. More appointments will become available as supply increases, so keep checking for new appointments in coming weeks.

## Learning from Home

For families who are continuing to learn from home, [the learning from home page](#) has a wide range of curriculum-based activities to further support your child's learning, if needed.

Thank you again for your understanding and support. We hope you and your family enjoy a safe and very well-deserved break over the holidays. Please take some time over the break to check out the Department of Education's [wellbeing resources for students and families](#). You'll find useful tools for mental health and Term 4 preparation. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can do anything to help you and your children to prepare for Term 4 or if you have any concerns about the return to school. We will be in touch again soon with further information and any updates for you and your children.

Regards,



Ms Olympia Bartolillo

Principal