



James Busby High School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We thank you all again for your amazing commitment to our school and community during this challenging time.

Attached are our **Staggered Return to School** documents that outline the process that begins 25th October. Many schools have taken this staggered approach during the week beginning 25th October to ensure the safest possible return of students. It will be a challenging task to adequately inform students about their return. To do this in a staggered, face to face manner will increase the safety aspects around our COHORT model and ensure that students remain within their year groups (cohorts). Students cannot mingle with students within other year groups and need time to adjust to a new timetable, rooming and playground restrictions, as well as COVID Safety expectations within classrooms.

It is therefore important that we return each year group one day at a time and **slowly build to a full return of years 7-11 by Friday 29th October**. Year 12 can continue to access the school for revision. Students can organise this with their teachers based on their availability within their timetable.

Please ensure your child/children are aware:

- That **masks are mandatory** in all indoor areas.
- Hand sanitising and washing is still expected practice.
- Students ***must stay in designated rooms and playground areas.***
- There will be no canteen counter service. **Canteen orders will be placed the day before** during the first learning session each day. Students will need money with them to pay for their orders.
- It is extremely important that students comply with the restrictions that come with a COVID Safe return.

Please see the attachments that outline the staggered return and contact us on 96077766 if you have any questions.

Thank you once again for your support, understanding and recognition of the importance of this approach to the safe return of our school community.

Regards,

Ms Olympia Bartolillo

Principal