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TOWNSVILLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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## **Return to class at the North Ward Campus (Year 7-10 & Year 11-12)**

6 May 2020

Dear Parents,

The Premier has announced that from **Monday, 11 May 2020**, students in Pre-Prep, Prep, Year 1, Year 11 and Year 12 will be able to return to their school and community kindergarten.

Children of essential workers and vulnerable children will continue to be able to attend school for supervision. For students in Years 2 – 10, the current home-based learning arrangements will remain in place. If low COVID-19 transmission rates continue, students in Years 2 – 10 will be able to return to school from **Monday, 25 May 2020**. Confirmation of this next stage will be made by 15 May 2020.

Staff at the North Ward Campus will continue to deliver online learning to all of our North Ward students this week. As a school we fully appreciate that this is a challenge for students and families and we do appreciate the feedback from everybody during the past two weeks. Responding to this feedback, students in Years 7 to 10 received a document today which has been published to Student Café and Parent Lounge with all tasks due for this week. Parents will be requested to complete another survey at the end of this week to gain further feedback regarding online learning.

Lessons for Year 11 and 12 will commence next Monday, 11 May on the North Ward Campus. As we recommence on-campus teaching for students in Years 11 and 12, there will be a change to the online delivery of curriculum that students have experienced since the beginning of this term. With the focus on resuming face to face lessons on campus, the capacity for teachers to respond to students learning online is reduced. For those not able to physically attend school, ongoing work will be set and communication with teachers via email and Teams will still be possible, at agreed times.

Meanwhile for the next two weeks, online delivery of curriculum will continue for students in Years 7 – 10. The online timetables for all students will be communicated later this week, as they will need to be adjusted to allow for the Year 11 and 12 students routines to return on campus.

Assessment for Year 11 and 12 has been of significant concern for students and parents. The Director of Studies, Dr Carolyn Moores, will continue to communicate with students and their families regarding upcoming tasks requiring completion.

Our boarding community, has been contacted separately by the Head of Boarding, Mr Jaye Beutel. He is managing the safe return and ongoing support of our boarding community. Please address any boarding related questions to Mr Beutel.

Buses to and from the campus will operate as per normal from the beginning of next week. We will review this each day to ascertain their usage by students.

The School canteen/tuckshop will continue to operate. To assist with hygiene and as a result of student feedback, an EFTPOS machine has been installed in the tuckshop allowing contactless payment.

The School has increased its focus on hygiene since opening for students at the start of the term. Increased cleaning and sanitation of shared spaces has occurred. Students are reminded to practice good handwashing and coughing techniques. Students are not to attend school if they are unwell. To alleviate any potential cross infections, students who present at school with flu like symptoms, consistent coughing and excessive sneezing will be asked to return to their residence or the Health Centre.

Whilst the School will manage the safe social distancing of staff and students on campus, we do ask at this time that parents also act in a manner which does not raise concern. We ask that families adhere to spacing in the front office and outside the School gates. Unless required for a meeting, families should pick their child up outside the School gates, whilst remaining in their car. The School aims to limit unnecessary visitors and families onto the campus.

I thank all parents and carers for your support and understanding during these challenging times. As a community I am very proud of the manner in which we have all coped and the support offered to one another.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Connor Barrett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Connor Barrett

**Acting Deputy Principal & Head of School (North Ward)**