



Earlier today the NSW Premier announced a timetable for the return to face-to-face teaching and the commencement of HSC exams.

Kindergarten & Year 1	Monday 25 October
Year 2, Year 6 and Year 11	Monday 1 November
Years 3 – 5 and Years 7 – 10	Monday 8 November
Year 12	Monday 25 October
HSC exams commence	Tuesday 9 November

The revised HSC exam timetable will be released sometime in September. As soon as the school receives specific, official information about the exams, we will pass that information on to Year 12 students and parents. The government has said that Year 12 can have “full access” to on-site learning from 25/10. In coming weeks, I will be working with teachers to determine what this looks like so that Year 12 will be well prepared to sit their final exams.

Please be assured that the school will continue to provide the best possible learning experiences we can until our much-loved students return for face-to-face teaching. I realise that remote learning is difficult for parents and students. Juggling work commitments and managing student learning at home must be very demanding. My thoughts and prayers are with our families and our staff who continue to do all they can to educate and care for students.

During the week I had a very helpful Zoom meeting with several parents of Year 12 students to discuss a range of options for the Year 12 graduation and formal. Please pray that the school will be able to find positive and creative ways to host events that



recognise Year 12 and demonstrate how much we have valued them being a part of our school.

I am committed to providing as many worthwhile opportunities for students as I possibly can under these difficult circumstances. Please pray for staff who are responsible for providing these opportunities in a way that is COVID safe and legally compliant.

While I appreciate that many people are feeling the fatigue of long hours in front of a screen, I am thankful to God that we have technology that allows us to communicate face-to-face when we are forced to be apart. To help maintain a personal teacher/parent connection, I trust that the parent teacher event on Wednesday 8 September will be helpful.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. 2 Corinthians 1: 3-5

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