



Term Two Start – Important Summary

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to Term Two. As you may be aware, the Chief Medical Officer of WA has deemed a return to on-site education as safe. Please remember that HillSide has a clear policy regarding the staged return to face-to-face education.

HillSide has the following policy. In summary:

1. *Tuesday 28th April – Pupil Free Day*
2. *Wednesday 29th April – Week 1*
Year 12 students re-commence on-site.
Online learning for all other students Years K-11.
3. *From Monday 4th May – Week 2*
Year 11 students on-site, joining Year 12s.
Online learning for all other students Years K-10.
4. *From Monday 11th May – Week 3*
All students K-12 start normal on-site schooling.
Online lessons stop from this point onwards.
 - Winter uniform starts Week 3, Term 2.
 - Canteen and OSHC start Week 3, Term 2.

Online Learning

Students use the teaching material provided by staff if working at home in the first two weeks. In the primary section, this involves hard copies, SEQTA Engage and Seesaw. In the high school, this involves SEQTA Engage and Teams. Online learning will only continue for two weeks until face-to-face lessons resume in Week 3 (11th May). Should parents have difficulty implementing the online, at home programme, please either contact portalhelp@hillside.wa.edu.au or 9453 2644.

Deputy Principal Communications

Each respective Deputy Principal will email parents and carers to provide specific information for each section of the College. Please read this communication, as it will provide key plans and direction.

Uniform Requirements

Please note that all students on-site require their full school uniform. Some specific points are:

- Winter Uniform takes effect from Week 3, Term 2 onwards. Summer uniform is permissible until this date. After Week 3, no summer items are allowable;
- High school students from Years 7-12 need their blazers and tie. Year 12s will be allowed to wear their leavers' jacket on sports days only. Year 7 parents need to have ordered blazers by this point. Please contact 453 2644 should a parent not have ordered or received a blazer at this point.



Hygiene Strategies at School

With the return of students on-site, schools are exempt from other community restrictions regarding gathering and spacing. However, we will be implementing the following safeguards on-site:

- Spacing students as far away from each other as is possible in the existing environment;
- No large scale gatherings and events will be performed. When student and staff meetings need to be conducted, these will include 4m² individual spacing, and will usually be outside;
- Hand washing regimes, extra cleaning and social distancing (where possible) will be continued;
- Extra cleaning of classrooms and equipment will be organised daily.

Other Health and Safety Precautions for On-site Education

To support hygiene practice, some other additional strategies include:

- Any child, who is sick in any way, should not be sent to school. They must stay home until perfectly well;
- Children presenting as sick at school will be sent home immediately;
- Parents, students and carers must not congregate on-site until further notice. That is, parents should not remain on-site if their child is present on-site at school. Only Kindergarten and Pre-Primary parents may drop their child off personally at the classroom. Parents should ideally remain in their car with the student/s coming to the parent upon pick up or drop off.

The measures being taken are to ensure continued positive reduction of COVID-19 cases, while recognising the importance of face-to-face education. Our students will (all) be back on-site in the weeks ahead, which is a great outcome. The current policy, and associated measures, will be in place until further notice, and will be reviewed in light of any government advice or requirement.

Thank you to parents, carers, students, and staff for their wonderful support of the College during this challenging period. The situation is definitely better than previously experienced, which is why we need to continue to be vigilant in our effort.

We look forward to the transition back to on-site education. Your child is important to HillSide, and we are excited to provide a return to more normal schooling.

Regards,

Stephen Lamont
Principal
28th April, 2020