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# St. Dominic's College



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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope this week has progressed smoothly, especially for those who have been encouraged by their son(s) returning for his face-to-face learning throughout the week. Once again, it has been great to speak to a number of students over the course of the week, sharing some of their positive learning experiences as they return to some-what College life.

The NSW Premier announced on Monday evening that all schools (i.e Department of Education schools) will return on Monday, 25th May. This decision came as a surprise and created great confusion for independent and diocesan schools as there had been no consultation with Principals.

Though a number of schools are currently modifying their return to face-to-face teaching and learning to meet this date, the College has decided to continue with its original transition plan outlined during Week 3, as it provides the College community with a safe roadmap ensuring we address any issues that have or may arise from the transition back. The health and safety of all our staff, students and parents remains our priority as we learn to live with the virus.

Below is a reminder of the Week 5 and Week 6 Schedule, as our phased return to full time attendance continues.

## WEEK 5

Monday, 25th May	Tuesday, 26th May	Wednesday, 27th May	Thursday, 28th May	Friday, 29th May
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Year 12	Year 12	Year 12	Year 12	Year 12
Year 11	Year 11	Year 11	Year 11	Year 11
Year 10	Year 7	Year 8	Y11 & 12 will be dismissed at 12:05pm Staff: Professional Learning Afternoon	Year 9

## WEEK 6

**All students are expected to return** to campus for a single mode of learning which returns to face-to-face teaching and learning, i.e. online timetabled classes will cease.

The College continues to be committed to the health and safety of all members and thus will continue to develop, as planned, the safe return of staff and students. We are encouraged and must congratulate the manner in which the students have adopted the modifications for on-campus learning and teaching throughout the past two weeks.

These modifications include significant daily room changes, entrance temperature checks and sanitising, exercising physical distancing where possible, specific directional movement around the College to avoid congestion and the washing of hands frequently at the conclusion of lessons and/or breaks (whilst the movement music plays of course).

We will continue many of these initiatives in our phased return, as we welcome more and more students on-campus throughout the coming weeks. Some of these initiatives may not be possible with our entire community on-campus, however we will continue to adopt health and safety measures to support everyone as we return to some form of normality – whatever that now looks like.

The College will continue supporting those families who require to be at school because of their return to work commitments by continuing to offer supervision on-campus throughout the week. I would encourage all families who may be concerned about their son's engagement in his learning, to send them to school to be supervised while continuing with his online learning.

I would like to once again, thank our St Dominic's community for their patience and understanding as we continue with our safe transition back to face-to-face teaching and learning on site.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the College.

Stay safe, stay healthy and God bless.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "M Ronchetti". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "M".

Mr Michael Ronchetti  
**College Principal**