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## Statement on Learning in Term 2 from the Calrossy Principal

Dear Parents and Members of the Calrossy community,

I trust that the holiday period for your children and family is going well. The isolation rules are challenging for some and being restricted to home for much of the day is not easy. However, I am hopeful that the time spent with family and the opportunity to switch off has been enriching. The good news is that the community infection rate is trending down and that the isolation policies are having an impact.

I write to provide some clarity about the plans for the coming term. The NSW Government has just released details about a phased return to schools over the duration of Term 2.

The first two weeks of Term 2 will be like the final two weeks of Term 1. That is, learning will continue at home online. The school will be open for children of parents working in essential services and who need to be on site for their learning. Secondary boys and girls will attend Brisbane Street campus to begin the term, to be supervised whilst completing online lessons.

From Week 3 (11 May), Calrossy will phase Primary and Secondary students back to full-time school attendance progressively through the term. This will commence on a rotational basis though priority will be given to our HSC students. Further details will be provided in the next few weeks to provide certainty, especially for parents who are supervising children at home.

A return to Boarding is part of our plan and so we will keep parents aware of developments. I am hopeful that HSC students will be able to return for 11 May classes, though our final decision will be based on health advice and risk assessment.

Please see the separate Frequently Asked Questions document that outlines the Calrossy response to Term 2 and how we will operate a staged return.

Should your family be involved in essential services and require your child/children to return to school in the first two weeks, would you please inform the school by this Friday 24 April?

Please respond to: <a href="mailto:attendance@calrossy.nsw.edu.au">attendance@calrossy.nsw.edu.au</a>

Whilst details have previously been provided about the discounted Term 2 fee structure, I remind parents that any concerns with financial arrangements can be confidentially directed to our Finance Department. We want to keep our community strong in this COVID-19 'climate'.

I am thankful for the patience and forbearance of the Calrossy community during this time and I look forward to sharing more news with you about the return of students to school in the coming weeks.

Enjoy the final days of the school holidays.

Kind regards,

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