



Calrossy Community COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) Update - Wednesday, May 20

Dear Calrossy Community

RETURN TO SCHOOL

You will no doubt be aware that the NSW Premier has announced that NSW Department schools will return to face to face learning on site from Monday 25th May.

Calrossy's intention is to fast-track our plans and return to school as quickly as possible, following the NSW Health guidelines.

Primary students make a full return to normal classes from next Monday 25th, contrary to our previously published plans. A separate letter sent from Claire Dalziel provides details of the return.

The Secondary context for Calrossy is more complex. Day Students will also return to full school on Monday, following their normal timetables.

However, arrangements for 7 – 10 Boarders remain less certain as our residential capacity is limited by the AHPPC guidelines for Boarding houses. The current phasing between Year 9/10 Boarders and those in Years 7/8, whilst not ideal, has sought to provide all students with a block of time at school, whilst at the same time adhering to the guidelines.

I am urgently seeking clarification from the AHPPC and our local health unit, to determine the earliest possible date for a full return for boarders, some of whom sleep in shared dormitories. As soon as I have clarification, this will immediately be shared with Boarder families.

The return to school will entail some restrictions. School gatherings will be limited. Non-essential visitors are not allowed on-site. Excursions will not take place and where possible social distancing will be adhered to, though it will look different to that in the community. Children who are sick must remain at home and temperature checking of all students and staff will continue. Uniforms and equipment for PE lessons and practical subjects should be packed as per normal.

Be reassured that should we be unable to permit the return of all Boarders to Calrossy, we will maintain learning and support for those affected. Boarders who can attend as Day Students will have the option to do so. Those whose learning is affected by limited internet service, isolation or family circumstances may request special consideration.

Upon return to school, students will need to be neatly presented in their Winter Dress Uniform, with clean shoes and tidy hair. Until further notice all day students will be required to supply their own lunches and bring a personal drink bottle.

Afternoon pick up on the William Cowper Campus will be a little different, to ensure safety with a greater number of cars using the turning circle. Details will be communicated with families once arrangements are clarified. Year 11 & 12 drivers will be required to wait until after 3.15pm as priority will be given to younger students collected in the Kiss and Drop zone.

To keep up to date on how school life will be different, students and parents are encouraged to be checking the Secondary Daily Notices on the HUB.



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I am delighted with the prospect of a full return of all students. The staff have really missed them, and it has been wonderful to interact with the many who have returned already.

I express my thanks and gratitude to all parents and students, who have demonstrated great patience and forbearance during the past seven weeks of uncertainty. It hasn't been easy for anyone, but I have been encouraged by the way that our community has supported each other and stuck together. The approach of the students to learning online has been astounding, demonstrating a strong school culture.

I am very hopeful and confident that our return to school will be positive and I hope to provide greater clarity to Boarder parents as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

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David Smith
Principal Calrossy Anglican School