How would Calrossy manage a school closure?

The Covid-19 situation has challenged our community but I have been delighted by the manner in which Calrossy has responded quickly and efficiently towards a full return to school. It speaks very much of the strength and resilience of our students and staff. Our move from phased days for all Year groups (and initially Year 11 and 12 in Boarding) towards having everyone back on campus has been successful. This week I am anticipating having all students fully returned to class and Boarders back at school with the day students. (I appreciate that some are still travelling in each day and hope soon to return to boarding.) It is positive to report that despite high testing rates in Tamworth (over 4000 tests) there have been no diagnosed virus infections for close to 40 days. In addition the infection rate in NSW is very, very low. I am personally delighted and think it a good thing community sports are preparing for possible recommencement in Term 3.

I am very optimistic about a positive three weeks of being back at school for all our students up until the Semester break.

Despite the low rate of cases, parents will be aware through the media that a number of schools have been required to temporarily close a campus due to a confirmed COVID-19 case in their community. It is to be expected this will occur in various places from time to time. It need not be a cause of panic or chaos.

If Calrossy is ever faced with this situation, we have a good plan. The following steps would occur:

1. Day and Boarder parents receive an email which contains a link to the Hub in which parents are asked to nominate the method by which their child would travel home (from a list of options). Boarding parents will receive a separate email asking them to be in contact with the Boarding Office regarding collection of their child. All travel should be lodged in Reach.
2. Children remain in their classroom or Boarding House supervised by a teacher/adult and a statement is read to them to provide them with the information they require.
3. As parent permission is received via the Hub link, members of the school executive co-ordinate students to leave their class to be collected, walk home, etc.
4. Further communication from the school will clarify the timeframe for the closure and whether lessons will or will not continue in an online format during campus closure
5. Appropriate cleaning of the campus is undertaken and, in conjunction with NSW Health, contact tracing occurs, specific communication with close contacts takes place and appropriate further measures are enacted.