

Thursday 8th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

Freeman Catholic College: Confirmation of arrangements for the start of Term 3

We can now confirm the arrangements for learning for Freeman Catholic College students for the start of Term 3, next week, Monday 12th July.

As has previously been announced no schools in Greater Sydney will be returning to face to face learning next week.

My apologies for the short notice but Sydney Catholic Schools has allowed **Monday 12th July** to be a **Staff Professional Development Day**. This will enable teachers to better prepare for online learning for the week ahead. Freeman Catholic College will re-open from Monday 12th July and any parent who wishes to send their child to school is welcome to do so, usual times and normal school uniform apply.

If your daughter or son is in **Years 7-11 there will be no lessons on Monday 12th July**, your child can be supervised at school, if you wish. **Online lessons** will commence for **Years 7-11 on Tuesday 13th July** and the timetable appears below. Students are required to be on-line at the scheduled times set out below. Sydney Catholic School policy is that Zoom lessons may only be provided to Years 11 & 12, all other years will receive their lessons either by Google classroom, email or other methods indicated to them by their teachers.

Year 12 lessons will commence on **Monday 12th July**. Lessons will be on-line except **Year 12 students may attend the College next week for practical classes in those subjects where projects/performances/aural/oral are required to be submitted or examined by NESA.**

Timetable for next week commencing Monday 12th July for Yr 12 and Tuesday 13th July for Years 7-11

(Week 1, cycle 1 of the timetable)

Time	Period	Details
8.40am - 8.55am	Pastoral/ Daily Organisation	Check Compass Notices Prayer Check emails
8.55am - 9.30am	Period 1	As per timetable
9.30am - 9.45am		"Stretch time"/"Mini break" Move away from your screen
9.45am - 10.20am	Period 2	As per timetable
10.20am - 10.35am		"Stretch time"/"Mini break" Move away from your screen
10.35am - 11.00am	Morning Tea	Go outside, get some fresh air
11.00am - 11.35am	Period 3	As per timetable
11.35am - 11.50am		"Stretch time"/"Mini break"

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11.50am - 12.25pm	Period 4	As per timetable
12.25pm - 12.40pm		“Stretch time”/”Mini break” Move away from your screen
12.40pm- 1.20pm	Lunch	Go outside, get some fresh air
1.20pm - 1.55pm	Period 5	As per timetable
1.55pm - 2.10pm		“Stretch time”/”Mini break” Move away from your screen
2.10pm - 2.45pm	Period 6	As per timetable
2.45pm - 3pm		“Stretch time”/”Mini break” Move awashhh from your screen
3pm	End of the day	

On Tuesday 13th July lessons will run until period 4 and after lunch is “sport time”. Students are encouraged to do some physical activity!

Pastoral teachers.

Your child’s pastoral teacher will ring you next week to see how you are doing and whether you have any questions. Please communicate to them any difficulties you may be experiencing so that we can rectify the situation as soon as possible.

Week 2

We are planning for the resumption of **face to face teaching** for all students on **Monday 19th July**. If this changes I will contact you as soon as the details are clear.

I do need to alert you to a **significant issue** for the students’ return to face to face learning on Monday 19th July. NSW Health has deemed that upon return to face to face learning **ALL** students and staff in Greater Sydney and/or designated Local Government Areas will be **required to wear face masks/coverings while they are inside** classrooms and corridors during the school day. The only exceptions will be when staff or students are presenting lessons to the class, year group or assembly.

This new requirement is in addition to masks/coverings being required for bus transport to and from school. I will need your assistance to ensure that your child brings a face mask/covering to school each day.

While I understand that the mandating of the wearing of face coverings is a controversial issue for many in the community once it becomes a NSW Public Health Order I will have no option but to enforce that requirement for **every student** as I am required to do so by law to ensure the safety and protection of the entire Freeman community. If your child has a medical condition that prevents the wearing of a face mask/covering then they will need a doctor’s certificate indicating that before they return to the College.

Illness and COVID tests

Given we are in the local government areas specifically mentioned by the Premier, ie, Liverpool and Fairfield LGA's, as being at the highest risk, we need to re-activate the procedures that were in place at the height of the Crossroads cluster last year.

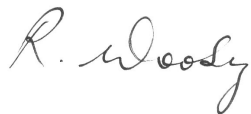
If your child is unwell then they are not to come to school. If they also show the symptoms indicated on the NSW Health website they are to have a COVID test and isolate and not return to school until they have a negative result. If you or anyone in your household has a positive COVID test result I would ask that you notify the College office immediately.

I hope you and your family remain well and get through this trying time as best as you are able.

If you have any questions or issues the College office will open at 8am on Monday 12th July, please ring and we will attend to your concerns as soon as we are able.

Take care, stay well! God bless!

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. Wooby".

Raymond Wooby
Principal