



THE WAY



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It's been great to see the students once again engaging with Blended Learning Online and we appreciate all you continue to do as we look forward to returning to face-to-face learning.

It is very encouraging to see that our community is moving closer and closer to new freedoms and life looking somewhat normal again. Yesterday the new Premier, Dominic Perrottet announced changes to the program for return to school for students. In his announcement he stated that all students will return to school by 25 October. We have reviewed this and considered what is best for our students, staff and families at Thomas Hassall.

Therefore I would like to advise that our commencement will be as follows:

Monday 18 October	Prep, Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 12 and HSC Accelerant students return
Monday 25 October	Years 2, 6, 7 and 11
Tuesday 26 October	Years 3, 5, 8 and 10
Wednesday 27 October	Years 4 and Year 9

We feel that this will be the best schedule of return to allow for a calm approach and return that will give assurances to all students, staff and families. It will ease the pressure on buses, drop off and pick up in those initial days and will give us an opportunity to review how things are going, and allow any improvements to be made.

Whilst the expectation is for all students to return to the campus in the coming weeks, we understand that there are students who will not be able to return by the scheduled dates for various reasons and we ask that you notify the College of this in a form that will be sent out next

week. This will assist in our planning for the coming weeks. We will continue to offer learning experiences for those students who are unable to return.

We are currently reviewing many different aspects in terms of COVID Safe Guidelines that need to be considered for return which include; Physical distancing and separation of cohorts where possible, mask wearing and the adequate provision of hand sanitiser and soap, enhanced cleaning schedules, consideration of appropriate ventilation, and ensuring that staff and students do not attend the school with symptoms of COVID-19. We will also update all procedures in line with NSW Health should a COVID case occur at the College.

We will send further information to you mid-week which will include the guidelines, as well as detailed pick up and drop off arrangements.

Please contact College Reception on 9608 0033 or admin@thac.nsw.edu.au with any issues or questions.

Best regards,

Mr Ross Whelan
Principal
