

6th May 2020

K-6 Back to School Transition

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you may be aware, the NSW Government have requested that arrangements be made for students to begin their gradual return to school from Monday 11th May. The organisation and management of this process was entrusted to individual schools so that the needs of the students remained priority. This means, that what occurs at Maronite College of the Holy Family may look very different to other schools across the state. As always, any decision made is in line with government directives and advice from Catholic Schools NSW.

The following two-week schedule has been designed to reconnect students to College structures and class routines. It also provides a wonderful opportunity to reacquaint themselves with their friends and teachers. **Students are required to wear their full College winter uniform from Monday 11th May.** If your child has access to a laptop, we encourage them to bring it to school during this period of transition. The shaded areas on the table below indicate when your child is expected to attend school. If your child is absent on the specified day, a note of explanation will be required.

Week 3	Monday 11 th May	Tuesday 12 th May	Wednesday 13 th May	Thursday 14 th May	Friday 15 th May	Week 4	Monday 18 th May	Tuesday 19 th May	Wednesday 20 th May	Thursday 21 st May	Friday 22 nd May
Kindergarten						Kindergarten					
Year 1						Year 1					
Year 2						Year 2					
Year 3						Year 3					
Year 4						Year 4					
Year 5						Year 5					
Year 6						Year 6					

On the days that students are not scheduled to attend the College, they will continue to work on the Remote Learning Plans emailed to you or your child each morning. We will provide you with an update on the 20th May in regards to your child's transition back to school. These will be available through:

- College Website: <u>https://www.mchf.nsw.edu.au/parentsguardians/</u>
- Facebook: @mchfparramatta
- SkoolBag App: Search for Maronite College of the Holy Family

Additional Safety and Cleaning Procedures

For those families who are returning to the College for the first time since Remote Learning began, the following procedures have been implemented:

- Each morning, staff will be at the front gate to welcome students.
- Parents are asked not to enter the College grounds unless necessary. Access is restricted to students, staff and approved personnel only. This is to ensure that the health and safety of all those in our community remains a priority.
- Access to the main office foyer is restricted to two people at any one time. Visits must be for essential business only.
- At the end of the school day, we request that parents stand in the restricted area so that we can maintain health requirements by limiting personal contact. It is also asked that you leave the College grounds immediately once your child has been collected and avoid conversing with other parents and students.
- Staff continue to emphasise the importance of personal hygiene. The College has ensured that a safe environment is provided to our MCHF community with a more frequent cleaning schedule and the instillation of wall mounted hand sanitisers in every classroom.
- Social distancing is also reinforced by all staff. This in line with government advice.
- Staff and students who present with flu-like symptoms are asked to remain at home. If they show any signs of illness or who become ill during the day, will be sent home.

Your compliance with these health and safety measures is appreciated.

As always, we acknowledge and thank you for your ongoing support during this challenging period. I pray that the Lord continues to protect and keep us safe.

In God's Love,

Sr Irene Boughosn College Principal