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COVID-19 Update

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Further to my letter of 7 July I thought it timely to provide you with a quick update about where the school is up to in the light of the unfolding COVID situation.

This morning I met with the school executive members who have been developing plans for student learning next week. Pleasingly, staff are well and truly organised and working hard to ensure online learning proceeds smoothly. However, they are understandably frustrated by the lack of access to the DoE portal due to the well-publicised cyber-attack. This has led to substantial anxiety and slowed our preparations.

On Monday next week I will again write to you and our students with details of what is expected of students. They will be given details of how to access their online learning, their modified timetable and the protocols that must be observed for online learning. It is vital that students understand what is expected of them and complete all set work to the best of their ability.

Year 12 students may need to attend school during next week and should regularly check their class CANVAS page to determine what is expected of them. Their class teachers will continue to directly communicate with their students via this learning management system.

As I stated in my earlier note, the school will remain open for students and families who need to attend. However, parents are encouraged to keep their children at home. There will only be minimal staff supervision and the school will provide one unit of work for students, whether they are learning from home or in the classroom.

Thank you for your understanding during this very trying time. If you have questions or concerns relating to any of the information provided, please contact the school via email on cths@cths.nsw.edu.au.

To finish on a positive note, I would like to share a number of exciting developments. Firstly, I am sure the community joins with me in congratulating two of our school's alumni, Jenny Blundell and Georgia Wingcup. Both young women have been selected in the Australian Olympic team, Jenny to compete in the 5,000 metres and Georgia the steeplechase. Fabulous achievements.

At the school, the long-awaited Piazza cover is close to being finished – it looks magnificent. Meanwhile, our preliminary meetings with the architects for our new building have taken

place and early next week we hope to have the first draft of the concept plans. So, despite the current COVID restrictions many exciting and positive things continue to happen around us.

Yours sincerely

Mr Gary Johnson
Principal