



# St Marys Senior High School

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## TERM 2, 2020 SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Dear Students, Parents and Caregivers,

This has been a very challenging time for us all, but it has been made easier for our staff and students by the fact that we are working together in the best interests of not only our students, but also our staff and the wider community. We all seem to be receiving an abundance of information in relation to COVID-19 and at times this information seems inconsistent, which is frustrating and can increase our stress levels. It is a fluid situation and plans may change. We need to expect this and work through the changes and fluctuations together.

As stated by the NSW Government and the Department of Education the first two weeks of school will operate in the same way that Term One ended. The Premier has requested that if you are able to keep your students at home for these two weeks then please do so. Students that attend school at St Marys Senior High School will continue to be supervised in the library.

From May 11 (Monday, Week Three) students will have the opportunity to come to school one day per week and then hopefully we will move into Phases Two and Three during the term. Sending your child to school on their allocated day is **purely a parental and family choice** and as long as students are engaging with the remote learning then students will not be marked as absent. If families make the choice for students not to attend on their allocated day, I request that you communicate this to the office either by phone or email. This will ensure attendance is recorded as flexible rather than as an unexplained absence.

The NSW Government and Department of Education provided schools with guidelines for the implementation of Phase One. Each school was required to make decisions based on school context, community needs, student needs and staffing. What works for one school may not work for another school.

The NSW Government and the Department of Education guidelines stated that each student should attend one day per week with a guiding principle of having 25% of the student population on each allocated day. The seemingly slow implementation would allow for easier contact tracing should a school have a reported case of COVID-19 and allow for social distancing measures to be implemented. The Premier indicated this week that the different phases may be truncated if cases within New South Wales remain at their current low levels.

Our school developed seven different models and has decided on the model on the following pages. When we move to Phase Two, this model can be increased and adapted to suit the needs of our context.



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## Phase 1 –Year 12

Week 3A: Monday 11 May – Friday 15 May 2020		
Monday 11 May	All of Year 12	Remote learning
Tuesday 12 May	Year 12 students with the surname <b>A-K</b> on site	Period 1 - Line 1 Period 2 - Line 6 <b>Recess</b> Period 3 - Line 4 Period 4 - Line 3 <b>End of onsite lesson - students return home at lunch</b> Period 5 – (Offsite): Line 7 (Online) <i>Period 5 – (Onsite): Major Work Tutorial Sessions by appointment – please contact your class teacher.</i>
Wednesday 13 May	Year 12 students with the surname <b>L-Z</b> on site	Period 1 - Line 7 Period 2 - Line 5 Recess Period 3 - Line 2 Period 4 - Line 8 <b>End of onsite lesson - students return home at lunch</b> Period 5 – (Offsite): Line 3 (Online) <i>Period 5 – (Onsite) Major Work Tutorial Sessions by appointment – please contact your class teacher.</i>
Thursday 14 May	All of Year 12	Remote learning
Friday 15 May	All of Year 12	Remote learning



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## Phase 1 –Year 12

Week 4B: Monday 18 May – Friday 22 May 2020		
Monday 18 May	All of Year 12	Remote learning
Tuesday 19 May	Year 12 students with the surname <b>L-Z</b> on site	Period 1 - Line 3 Period 2 - Line 1 <b>Recess</b> Period 3 - Line 6 Period 4 - Line 4 <b>End of onsite lesson - students return home at lunch</b> Period 5 – (Offsite): Line 7 (Online) <i>Period 5 – (Onsite): Major Work Tutorial Sessions by appointment – please contact your class teacher.</i>
Wednesday 20 May	Year 12 students with the surname <b>A-K</b> on site	Period 1 - Line 5 Period 2 - Line 2 Recess Period 3 - Line 7 Period 4 - Line 8 <b>End of onsite lesson - students return home at lunch</b> Period 5 – (Offsite): Line 3 (Online) <i>Period 5 – (Onsite) Major Work Tutorial Sessions by appointment – please contact your class teacher.</i>
Thursday 21 May	All of Year 12	Remote learning
Friday 22 May	All of Year 12	Remote learning



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## Phase 1 –Year 11

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Tuesday 12 May	All of Year 11	Remote learning
Wednesday 13 May	All of Year 11	Remote learning
Thursday 14 May	Year 11 students with a surname <b>A-K</b> on site	Period 1 - Line 4 Period 2 - Line 1 <b>Recess</b> Period 3 - Line 5 Period 4 - Line 6 <b>End of onsite lessons - students return home at lunch</b> Period 5 – (Offsite): Line 2 (Online)
Friday 15 May	Year 11 students with a surname <b>L-Z</b> on site	Period 1 - Line 8 Period 2 - Line 2 <b>Recess</b> Period 3 - Line 3 Period 4 - Line 7 <b>End of onsite lessons - students return home at lunch</b>



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Tuesday 19 May	All of Year 11	Remote learning
Wednesday 20 May	All of Year 11	Remote learning
Thursday 21 May	Year 11 students with the surname <b>L-Z</b> on site	Period 1 - Line 6 Period 2 - Line 1 <b>Recess</b> Period 3 - Line 4 Period 4 - Line 5 <b>End of onsite lessons - students return home at lunch</b> Period 5 – (Offsite): Line 2 (Online)
Friday 22 May	Year 11 students with the surname <b>A-K</b> on site	Period 1 - Line 7 Period 2 - Line 3 <b>Recess</b> Period 3 - Line 2 Period 4 - Line 8 <b>End of onsite lessons - students return home at lunch</b> Period 5 – (Offsite): Line 8C (Online)

The following measures will be implemented in Phase One to support the safe return of our students and staff:

- Students will be expected to observe social distancing measures in classrooms and on the grounds of St Marys Senior High School to reduce the risk of COVID–19 spreading.
- Each classroom will have hand sanitiser available for students and staff.
- Additional hand sanitiser will be available in common areas.



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- Common areas such as the Learning Centre, Library and Cafeteria will have reduced seating available to limit the number of students in one place.
- The Department of Education will be providing additional thermometers should a student or staff member present as unwell. Please note we will NOT be taking student temperatures daily. If a student presents as unwell, the student will be isolated and parents (or emergency contacts if parents are not available) will be contacted to collect the student from school. If staff present as unwell they will be sent home.
- The Department of Education has indicated that they will be providing additional cleaning throughout the day and hygiene products.
- Bubblers will not be available for use. Students will need to have a water bottle to access the water fountains on campus.
- Additional signage will be placed around the campus reminding students and staff of social distancing principles.

Yours sincerely,

Sally Smithard  
Principal  
St Marys Senior High School  
29 April 2020