



HILLIARD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Adventist Schools Tasmania welcomed the announcement by the State Premier, Peter Gutwein, on Friday and the development of the roadmap for easing restrictions imposed due to COVID-19

We are now planning the transition back to school-based learning, ensuring that we follow the updated health advice while maintaining the continuum of learning. This means that our school will soon be re-opening for **some students** with a plan to fully re-open for all students later in the term.

At this stage the dates for students to return are below:

- Kindergarten to Year 6 will resume on Monday, 25 May.
- Years 7 to 10 will resume on Tuesday, 9 June.

We ask that you continue to support your children at home until the date set for their return. It is important that your child continues to learn from home until they are due to return to school. All Tasmanian schools are taking this staged approach to allow Public Health time to monitor and teachers time to adjust and switch to face to face teaching.

The message from the Government is clear, during this transition, if students can learn from home they must. We understand this is not always possible and we will continue to work with parents to arrange supervision at school for those students that are unable to learn from home during this transition.

School buses will be collecting students from the 25th May. Our drivers will continue to ensure the buses are cleaned frequently and will adjust seating arrangements to provide extra space between passengers where possible.

There are still some conditions that the government has published and we ask that you abide by these to ensure the safety of all:

- Students (and staff) who are unwell must not attend school.
- Adults are not to gather in and around school grounds, car parks and outside classrooms. We are working out the best way to organise for parents whose children need to be picked up and dropped off at school.
- Our *Little Wallabies* program will not return this term.
- While social distancing is not required of children it is still expected of adults. As such, we will not be inviting parents to attend assemblies or parent/teacher interviews. Where we need to speak with you, we will contact you either by phone or a video-conference.

On our behalf, we will maintain the increased cleaning processes that we have implemented and ensuring that students have access to soap and sanitiser at regular intervals throughout the day.

Also, camps, excursions and assemblies will not be happening for the remainder of Term 2.

In the unlikely event that a member of staff or a student becomes infected with the COVID-19 we will immediately close the school, organise a deep clean and take advice from the public health on when it would be safe to resume school.

We will write to you again before the students return to school with updated details. Until then, we will place both written and video updates our school website (www.hilliardchristianschool.com.au), under news and Facebook. If you wish to contact us about this, then feel free to do so.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Littlewood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue ink color.

Stephen Littlewood
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