



**Friday 15, January, 2021**

# **Term 2**

**Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> — Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Last night the Federal Government's announced that schools may resume in school teaching from Monday January 18<sup>th</sup>. Following this decision, I have, today, met with the School's Board and we have finalised the schedule for the reopening of school. As always, our priority is the safety of the pupils, staff and wider community of BIS. In light of the late confirmation that schools may reopen and mindful of the breadth of parental views on reopening we have decided to stagger our pupils return as we did in Term 1. We are also committed to the provision of an online alternative for families who do not wish their children to return to school at this stage. With this in mind over the Christmas break a second internet connection and backup network have been installed in school.

## **Pupils in Years 10-13**

- In school classes will take place from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January.
- Boarding will be available for pupils from 4pm Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January.
- Mocks (years 11-13) will take place as previously stated from week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> January.
- During the mock period Year 11-13 pupils will only be permitted in school 30 minutes prior to their first examination and for no longer than 15 minutes after the conclusion of their last exam each day.
- All lessons will also be live streamed. Parents may therefore opt to have their children study solely from home.
- Families may also opt for their children to take mocks at home. HOWEVER, examinations taken in this way cannot be counted as evidence to support predicted grades should the Summer's public examinations be cancelled.

## **Pupils in Years 7-9**

- Lessons will be online ONLY for the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> January. Pupils MUST NOT attend the school campus.
- On site lessons will resume on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January with a new timetable in place which will allow for a staggered day.
- Boarding will open from 4pm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January
- Lessons will also be available online for families who do not wish their children to physically resume school on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

I am sure that some families may have preferred to have seen full school resumption from the 18<sup>th</sup>. However, a more cautious approach to reopening with parallel online provision throughout the term will allow the safest possible route to reopening while ensuring that every family may exercise their own judgement as to whether onsite or remote learning is most appropriate for their particular circumstances.

Yours faithfully,



**Stewart King**  
Principal

*By attending school in person pupils are agreeing without exception to abide by all of our covid secure protocols. These are outlined in guidance previously shared and again attached to this letter. <https://sway.office.com/7fNItbM0lxFpjnCz?ref=Link&loc=mysways>*

*Any pupil failing to adhere to these requirements may have the privilege of attending in school lessons removed.*

*The safety of all members of the school relies upon every member of the community taking every reasonable precaution to reduce the chances of infection both in school as well as in their wider lives. For the benefit of all other BIS pupils families who cannot meet this expectation must not send their children to in school lessons.*

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