



## ***Latest communication***

Dear parents and guardians,

We look forward to welcoming your daughters back to school on Monday 12 October for our short but busy final term of the year. NSW Health has advised us that most COVID-19 restrictions will remain in place for this term. These restrictions include the following:

- Girls and staff should not come to school if they feel unwell and should get tested with even mild symptoms of COVID-19,
- Girls and staff who are tested must isolate until they receive their results and supply a negative COVID-19 test prior to returning to school,
- Parents and non-essential adults should not enter the school grounds,
- Everyone must adhere strictly to hygiene and social distancing practices.

However, given that the current levels of community transmission are low, NSW Health is allowing some minor relaxation of restrictions in the following areas:

**Sport:** We will be in full competition mode in Term 4 although there will still be restrictions on spectator attendance. The sports department will advise the relevant teams and parents accordingly.

**Music:** There are various restrictions dependent on types of instrument, size of group and age of girls. The music department will advise the relevant girls and families about specific requirements.

**School-related social events:** Although we are able to hold our Year 12 Valedictory dinner under strict conditions, NSW Health recommends that other school-related social events that involve parents should not proceed in Term 4. Given this, both junior school and senior school Speech Days will be student-only this year. Both events will be livestreamed so parents and extended family can watch from home. We have some exciting plans for these events and you will receive further details soon.

**Overnight activities:** These may take place as long as schools consider the risks of each particular activity very carefully and ensure a COVID-19 Safety Plan is in place. Risks will vary dependent on the age of the children involved, the level of community transmission at the time of the activity and the safety of accommodation arrangements. The relevant families will be advised of any overnight activities we consider safe to run in Term 4.

Our school community has coped superbly with the perils of the year, and I am sure we will continue to do so until the year's end. We will do all we can in school to make the most of the next eight weeks.

As always, please feel free to contact any one of us if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions. Happy Term 4!

Best wishes

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