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Dear students, parents and carers,

Term 3 has been a challenge for our school and others throughout the state. We're happy to say that together we made it through what has been a constantly changing and sometimes difficult Term. We could not achieve this without the commitment from all of our families who supported learning from home, and from our fantastic teaching and school staff. I want to thank you all for your efforts to continue to keep our school community safe – I know everyone has faced adversities at different times through this Term. Term 4 will potentially be no different, so we need to support each other so we create positive outcomes for all.

I hope everyone enjoys the school break and is looking forward to the COVID-safe return to school sites that we are planning for in Term 4. Please read through the following updates before the start of the school break and don't hesitate to reach out for support or with any questions.

Return to school roadmap for Term 4

The Lake Macquarie Local Government Area (LGA) is currently under stay-at-home orders and our school has been operating under Level 4 COVID Safe Operations.

From Term 4, schools in LGAs that are no longer operating under stay-at-home rules will move to Level 3 plus operations and a staggered return of all students.

Masks will be required on site for all staff and students in Year 7 and above, when both indoors and outdoors.

In Term 4, where stay-at-home rules are still in place but high community vaccination and low transmission conditions are met, students will return to school in a staggered approach for prioritised cohorts, with no mingling or on-site activities.

Order of return - staggered approach under stay-at-home rules

Students will return to face-to-face learning with NSW Health-approved COVID-safe Level 3 plus settings on school sites in the following order:

Date of Return for Face-to-Face Learning	Year Groups Returning to Face-to-Face Learning
From October 25, 2021	Kindergarten and Year 1
From November 1, 2021	Years 2, 6 and 11
From November 8, 2021	Years 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10

The return to school roadmap is subject to change depending on new information expected through the Public Health Order and additional advice from NSW Health. You can stay up to date with the most recent advice on the Department of Education's Advice for Families webpage: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

In summary:

- If we remain at **Level 4 restrictions** MHS will continue under the same and current school operations.
- If all restrictions are moved to **Level 2 or 1**, we will operate at school as normal with COVID-safe school operations advised at the level directed. Students and staff will follow their normal timetabled lessons/classes.
- If we are moved to **Level 3 plus** the following school operations will be implemented.

Term 4 Roadmap to Return to School Overview

Weeks 1-3: Years 7-12 Learning from Home
Year 12 Masterclasses online and Specialist Curriculum Classes onsite
***same operations we have been under in Term 3, nothing changes.**

Week 4: Years 7-11 Learning from Home continues
Year 12 Masterclass all onsite (timetables available)

Week 5: Years 7-10 Consolidation Week (no Learning from Home; no additional tasks/lessons)
Year 11 Learning at School Normal Timetable
Year 12 Independent Study Week at Home/Last Week Activities

Week 6: All students return to face-to-face learning at school, following normal timetable for the rest of Term 4.
Year 12 HSC Exams commence.

Note: All students in Support Classes should return in line with their year group and according to the needs of each student.

Years 7, 8, 9, 10 Organisation

TERM 4 – Learning from Home WILL CONTINUE in Weeks 1 to 5 under current arrangements and restrictions.

Week 5 – Learning Consolidation Week

All students in Years 7 to 10 will utilise Week 5 to consolidate all their Learning from Home to date. This includes completing all set work over the Learning from Home period in Term 3 and 4. Students will focus on finalising and finishing incomplete work, receive final feedback from their teachers, complete all Google Classroom tasks and/or printed packages. The focus is for students to prepare to return to school and be organised and ready for learning at school.

TEACHERS WILL NOT BE SETTING ADDITIONAL TASKS IN WEEK 5; PRINTED OR ONLINE. Classroom teachers will be accessible for feedback and support in getting all work complete and collated via Google Classroom or via email.

Vaccinations for students aged 12 years and over

Young people aged 12 years and over are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. You can [book in your children for Pfizer now](#), or Moderna vaccination will be available from Monday 20 September, 2021.

Vaccination appointments are available at more than 3,000 locations across NSW, including GPs and pharmacies. More appointments will become available as supply increases, so keep checking for new appointments in coming weeks.

Your wellbeing matters

For families who are continuing to learn from home, the Department of Education has provided online resources to further support your child's learning, if needed, at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/learning-from-home>

Thank you again for your understanding and support. We hope you and your family enjoy a safe and very well-deserved break over the holidays. Please take some time over the break to check out the Department's wellbeing resources for students and families available at:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/wellbeing-for-students-and-families.html>

As always, our Wellbeing Team, our school executive, teachers and staff are here to help and support your families. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can do anything to help you and your children prepare for a successful return to learning for Term 4. Remember to check out the MHS Facebook page over the school holidays for some tips and ideas to keep your kids entertained over the break. It's time for us all to have a rest, to rejuvenate, and come back refreshed for another successful term.

I will be in touch again soon with any updates for you and your children.

Kind regards



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