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Dear students, parents and carers,

The end of Term 3 has been a busy one 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 have done it 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 different challenges at different times through the 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 a break over the holidays 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 holidays 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 operations.

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 and Specialist Curriculum Classes

Week 4: Years 7-11 Learning from Home
Year 12 Masterclass all onsite

Week 5: Years 7-10 Consolidation Week (no Learning from Home; 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.

Year 11 Organisation for Term 4 2021

Weeks 1 to 4

Year 11 students will continue learning from home for Weeks 1 to 4 of Term 4. Learning from Home will continue with an introduction and beginning to their HSC Courses and may include:

- Syllabus details and Scope and Sequence.
- Discussions on the various modules and content.
- Assessment Schedule- highlighting the types of tasks in the HSC.
- Glossary of terms and any other essential subject specific language or knowledge.
- Create a 'Mindmap' on elements needed to be successful in the HSC.

- Student could attempt a typical extended response question or other HSC style exercise.
- Provide advice and directions for students that may be unsure of continuing in the subject into the HSC.
- Course content.

Week 5 – Year 11 students will return to face-to-face learning at MHS following their normal timetable.

PLEASE NOTE- Should the current Stay at Home Order be lifted, then Year 11 will return to Morisset High School for face-to-face learning following the same organisation as above.

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 at:

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

to further support your child's learning, if needed.

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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