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Dear Parents and Carers,

Term 3 has been a busy and challenging term. 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 and I'd like to acknowledge that many of you have faced different challenges at different times through the term.

Looking ahead, on Friday 27 August 2021 the Premier announced the return to school roadmap for students in NSW. Students will return to face-to-face learning either through a 'staged return' or 'full return', depending on NSW Health conditions in their area. As we are still an identified Local Government Area (LGA) of concern, we are operating under <u>Level 4 plus</u> restrictions and will continue to provide learning from home moving into Term 4. A reminder that <u>the learning from home page</u> has a wide range of curriculum-based activities to further support your child's learning, if needed.

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 our <u>Advice for families page</u>.

## **HSC**

Congratulations to our HSC and Year 12 students! You've nearly made it to the end of a unique and very tough year. Your resilience and work ethic through this time are to be admired.

The official last day for Year 12 is tomorrow, Friday 17 September 2021, however students will be supported up until their exams.

HSC exams will proceed for all students from 9 November 2021 through to 3 December 2021 in a COVID-safe way, in line with NSW Health advice. The revised <u>HSC Written Exam Timetable</u> has now been published and is available on the NESA Website.

## What a COVID-safe plan for exams looks like

Mandatory double dose vaccination for all staff on site, strict protocols to reduce mingling, distancing in exam rooms, masks worn indoors and outdoors, check-in and health screening as well as ventilated exam rooms. HSC students are also being strongly encouraged to get vaccinated in time for their exams. Year 12 students in our Fairfield LGA have been offered priority access and those who have not yet made their booking can do so via the <u>eligibility checker</u>.

The <u>illness and misadventure process</u> is available for students who are unable to attend an exam due to having a positive COVID-19 test result, being a close contact or having COVID-19 symptoms.

## Vaccinations for students aged 12 years and over

Young people aged 12 years and over are now also eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccination. You can book in your children for Pfizer now, or Moderna 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.

Please contact the school should you require support or if you have any concerns about the return to school during school hours on 9728 7071 or email at canleyvale-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

I thank you for your continued support and understanding. We hope you and your family enjoy a safe and very well-deserved break over the holidays.

Your sincerely,

Ms D Santucci Principal

