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Dear Parents and Carers

Following the lifting of restrictions and new arrangements for schools starting from week four, and as announced by the Premier and Minister for Education, all students are now expected to be back at school.

As you would be aware, Saint Norbert College has already recalled all students to normal face to face learning in their classes since earlier this week and as such I believe this further transition will be relatively smooth. It has been heartening to see the excitement of students and teachers alike as our school buzzes with life.

Individual students who are medically at risk or who are seriously immune - compromised may continue to learn from home. These students will continue to be well supported by our staff however they may not be able to be engaged in the same learning program delivered in classrooms. Parents of students in this situation who intend to seek exemption for their child to remain at home are asked to contact their respective Deputy Principal at the College.

The two main points that I would like to highlight are;

1. Winter Uniform

We are mindful of supply and access issues for those needing uniform items. Details on accessibility to the Uniform Shop (including extended hours) have been forwarded. We expect all students to be wearing the correct College Winter Uniform from Monday 25 May (week 5).

2. Absentee Procedures

In any event that your child cannot attend school, we ask parents to revert to our normal notification procedures namely, specifically that you email using our Absentee email address - absentee@norbert.wa.edu.au

Please see the additional attachments with this letter;

- COVID-19 Return to school guidelines for Parents
- Updated Advice from the Chief Health Officer

While it has been challenging for all in our community to adapt to the ongoing changes, there is an overwhelming sense of gratitude for the leadership and shared community responsibility that has meant that children can return to school, that parents can return to work and that we can all begin to enjoy time together again.

We hope that you have felt supported to decide whether to send your child to school or to engage in their learning from home, depending on your own family's circumstances. Our school staff have certainly done their very best to deliver a quality Catholic education to all our students, irrespective of whether they were being taught at school or at home.

With my continued best wishes

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