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Dear Hunter River High School Community,

I hope this message finds you well.

I am sure most of you are aware that a number of significant announcements have been made by the Premier this week. Following this announcement, the Department of Education has provided Principals with two livestream briefings, giving further detail to our operational mode for Term 2. As a result, there is much that now needs to be planned and thought through.

The key messages that the community need to be aware of as parents and carers are:

- Tuesday 28 April has been announced as an additional School Development Day (SDD). We used our Term 2 SDD (Monday 27 April) at the beginning of Term 1 and as such I have sought permission to now move forward our SDD from Term 3 to this day. This means that both **Monday (27 April) and Tuesday (28 April)** of next week are **pupil free School Development Days**. Therefore, the student work for Term 2 will not go live until Wednesday 29 April. Work packages provided prior to the holidays were for the first two weeks of Term 2.
- Weeks 1 and 2 will continue as **online learning from home**, under the same arrangements as we concluded Term 1.
- From Monday 11 May we will still continue online learning from home however, every student will have the opportunity to start attending **one** day a week, aiming at around 25% of students in attendance on any given day. This will need to be a rostered system with each student attending only on their designated day. The Premier has asked parents to 'respect the guidelines' that will be established by our school in this regard. Information on this will be provided early week 2.
- There will be 'one online mode/unit' of work provided by teachers for each class, and this will be posted on Google Classrooms on Wednesday April 29, as mentioned above. From Monday 11 May your child will be allocated a day where they can attend school. This will NOT mean face to face learning, but rather remote learning at school. Depending on the day, and the staff allocation, they may not have their classroom teacher/s for one or more periods. Please understand this is the direction from the Premier.
- It is recommended that schools stagger recess and lunch breaks. We will make decisions on this, during week 1, Term 2.





- It is important that we maintain social distancing across the school, including the playground. Classrooms will be limited to 10 students at a time; this is a government direction. This will also be a challenge, but I am confident that we can do this with only a limited number of students at school on any given day.
- Guidelines have recently been provided by the department that will give direction on issues such as health requirements, attendance and curriculum. More information will be provided once we have an opportunity to unpack and plan for how they will be applied.
- A priority will be placed on Year 12 with a particular focus on supporting students with Major Works, however the majority of learning will continue to be delivered online.
- Further, additional sanitisers/soap and extra cleaning will be provided.

As you can see this will now require a substantial reorganisation of our operational model – something that will require a great deal of flexibility and some ‘out of the box’ thinking. This will also take time to establish. This term will certainly bring challenges but I am confident we can work through them together as a community.

The website <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families> has been updated and may have information that interests you.

Our Administration Office will be closed to visitors to reduce face to face contact. If you need to contact the school, please do so via phone, text message or email to [hunterriv-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:hunterriv-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au). All staff emails are also on our school website <https://hunterriv-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>. If you need to collect work, a laptop or other items, please phone ahead for specific instructions.

Please take care and look after yourselves and contact the school, via the school email if you have any questions, or contact individual teachers about specific work concerns.

Kind regards,

Deb Dibley  
Principal

