



Spirituality and Excellence

LORETO COLLEGE

VOLUNTARY GRAMMAR SCHOOL
Specialist School

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Dear Parent / Guardian

Return to School Arrangements for Year 8, 9, 10 & 11 - Monday 12 April

I hope that you and your family are keeping well. The end of home schooling is insight and we look forward to welcoming all our students back on **Monday 12 April**.

Thank you and Congratulations for all your efforts over the last 3 months.

Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 April are now normal school days, they were originally identified as staff days on your calendar.

We have moved these 2 staff days to later, to allow teachers to engage in marking and moderating assessments. The Department of Education are also allowing an additional 2 days for this purpose. **Our revised school calendar including these changes is now available on the school website.**

The safety of our students and staff is our number one priority. To help us all minimise the possibility of a student being required to self-isolate, it is paramount that the students follow all the Covid regulations which we have put in place when they are in school but equally important that they follow all guidance from the Public Health Agency whilst out of school.

Please note the new requirements outlined below:

- Masks should be worn on buses when travelling to and from school
- Masks should be worn whilst in school – both on the corridors and in classrooms (unless exempt)
- Students should bring their own hand sanitiser
- Locker areas will be out of bounds - Students will be encouraged to go outside during free time.
- 1M distancing where possible. - Students should minimize contact with other students and keep a 2m distance from members of staff. Canteen queuing 1m distancing etc
- Entry points – Y11 Door on right under Arch, Y10 - West door (at Sports Hall), Y9 – Side Door at VP offices, Y8 - Main Door at VP Offices.
- On Monday 12 April students should go directly to their first class.
- Full school uniform should be worn as normal.
- Canteen is available to all students as normal.
- Full details on all the current Covid regulations can be found on our Web Site and I would ask you to read these carefully.

We all look forward to welcoming our students back to school and to support them to fulfil their undoubted potential over the next few weeks and months. I appreciate that this has been a very anxious time for students as they return to face to face teaching and begin to mix socially with their year group but I reassure them that there will always be someone on hand to help them with any challenges they might face. However, should you have any concerns, please feel free to contact the school to discuss them with the appropriate personnel.

Enjoy the Easter Break and the brighter days ahead.

Yours sincerely

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