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Dear RJ Community

New Update (No.21/8) regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19)

All Primary and Secondary students have started their Distance Learning Program (DLP) this week with many positive reports back from parents regarding the work of our teachers in preparing the learning for their children. However, the report from the NSW Government and NSW Health today regarding identified COVID cases presents an ever-shifting landscape as other agencies move to make further changes, including NESA. Please see below for some further updates for our School Community.

Printed Primary Bundles

Both of our Heads of Primary have contacted families regarding the next pick up of work bundles. For those families availing themselves of this service, please check the information sent out and abide by the COVID guidelines put in place.

Areas of Concern - Updates

Marsden Park, Mt Druitt and Rooty Hill have now been identified as areas of concern with respect to exposure of the Delta Strain. We would encourage any of our families living in these areas to undertake a COVID test as recommended by NSW Health to ensure your family is not at risk. It would also be prudent for any of the students from these areas that may be presently be attending school on site for DLP to be tested and isolate until a negative result has been returned.

Limited Supervision at School

We continue to encourage families to only send students to school at this time if there is no adult supervision available at home. This would include essential workers and some others who can only do their work from their workplace and does not include those who are having to work from home at this time. We have very limited numbers of staff on site each day with the vast majority working from home.

The Student Attendance Registration link for the coming week is provided below and should be completed before 11am on Friday 23 July so staff supervision can be finalised. Please use this link to access registration: <https://bit.ly/3y0SBpa>

HSC Students

Sadly, NESA has advised us that HSC students in Greater Sydney should **not access the school site unless absolutely necessary**. This means that all students undertaking Major Projects can no longer come on to site to work on their major projects, except if they wish to collect their major project to work on at home. Please contact your Curriculum Coordinator should you wish to take up this offer to collect your work so suitable arrangements can be made.

In light of the changes being made around HSC Major Works and limited access given to students, the School will be submitting a COVID/Illness Misadventure for each practical class group. Further decision around changes of dates for HSC practical works eg. Music & Drama performances will be sent from NESA next week. Mrs Scrimshaw will keep families who are affected by these changes informed as information is released. The Drama and Music HSC Trials dates have been postponed pending further information from NESA.

School Photos

Some parents have enquired about School Photos and whether these will be distributed to families. All ordered photos have now arrived but will be kept safely at the School until students return onsite.

There is no doubt that the impact that these continuous changes are having on our RJ families is real and we pray that we can all support one another as we journey this road together. Having spoken to a few parents over the last couple of days and the challenges they face to make things work at home at this time, please be assured of the support of our RJ Team and our prayers for our entire RJ Community.

Yours sincerely
Alan Dawson | **Principal**