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Dear Encounter Families

Firstly, I'd like to offer you my sincere thanks once again for adapting to our changing situation, as is being determined by the ongoing impact of COVID on our community. Although there are frustrating disruptions, I'm sure you share my gratitude for living in the precious 'bubble' of the South Coast where our lives have not been impacted nearly as much as our neighbours' interstate.

During and since the lockdown staff have been grateful for families using kiss 'n drop as their primary means of getting students to and from school and we ask this to continue for the time being. Although Shine will resume in a face-to-face capacity for students next week, parents won't yet be able to join us. Interschool sport, excursions and other extra-curricular activities are also able to resume. Next week I will share in more detail our intentions to proceed with our two unique cross-country events: the Jamieson Ultra and the Fraser Dash.

Masks still need to be worn by Year 7-12 students and also for parents who do come onto school grounds. At the end of the school day, please do leave promptly. While some parent meetings may resume in a face-to-face manner, these will be by negotiation with class teachers and also Heads of School. Email, phone or online platforms such as Zoom or Teams are being used effectively in this period where we are seeking to find some normality in the midst of unavoidable restrictions.

I do hope the further easing of restrictions will be what we are able to announce and experience in the coming weeks, especially as it relates to welcoming our families back on site. We truly value the role you play and having everyday connections with you is something we are missing.

In the meantime, thank you again for cooperating so graciously with the measures we have in place to protect our community.

Yours sincerely



**Kelvin Grivell**  
Principal

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