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Dear Encounter Families

COVID-19 Update for Weeks 5-9

It is with excitement that I share updated information as to how we will maintain a safe environment for staff and students between Weeks 5-9, according to the most recent SA Health advice.

Firstly, we are able to hold our Sports Day as scheduled, on Friday 11th March, at Encounter Bay Oval. This is wonderful news for our community. Further details will be shared soon, but please be patient given the short notice staff have received in planning for such a major event. We expect catering options for the day to be limited, but we are in conversations with our P&F and other parties to finalise how this will work best. Even more exciting is that parents are welcome to attend. We ask there to be one adult in attendance per family to ensure numbers are manageable. Other expectations for spectators may be required on the day.

Although it is likely that school camps will be able to proceed from Term 2 onwards, given ongoing restrictions we have rescheduled those camps that were planned for Term 1. Further information will be shared soon. Unlike some other local schools who decided to cancel all camp experiences in 2020 and 2021, we have always been able to set a new date and/or location so Encounter students don't miss out. I know how much they value these rich experiences with their peers.

From next week, instrumental tuition resumes for 2022, as will choirs, band practices and planning for excursions, incursions and interschool sport. It will also be music to the ears of Year 12 students to hear their Formal will proceed on Friday, 25th March. This year we are holding this special annual event at Blues Restaurant, Middleton.

Until further notice, mask wearing and current testing, isolation and quarantine settings remain unchanged, including definitions for classroom contacts. At this stage parents still need to use our kiss n drop at the beginning and end of the school day. It is worth acknowledging students have adjusted resiliently to this change and your support is most appreciated.

Thank you for ongoing understanding and cooperation as we endeavour to create the very best environment for your children as we continue our start to 2022. It is genuinely wonderful having your kids back at school and the sense of fun, engagement and connection is evident as I walk into each and every classroom.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelvin Grivell".

Kelvin Grivell
Principal

Looks like school, feels like home...

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