

PRINCIPAL'S POST – Thursday, 21st May 2020

We are back and happy that our students and teachers are now better connected.

Our road to return gathers pace but is likely to continue to be 'rocky'.

Frequent changes are making adapting to new situations easier.

Our world has, and continues, to change.

Schools will be different next week and into the future.

Much has happened over the last 2 months, however we are coping with the support of everybody in our school community. Let us all now look forward to the exciting educational opportunities that await.



What we know:

- **ALL** year groups are returning to school on Monday, 25th May and will be following their normal school timetable.
- **STUDENTS** will **not need to follow physical distancing guidelines**, but should continue to follow good hygiene practices.
- Students no longer will be doing 'one unit of work' as they will be returning to face to face lessons.
- Students will be encouraged to continue using Google Classrooms (GC) in the transition from remote schooling back into face to face learning at school. This week students are being upskilled on how to both access and use their own devices to do this.
- Physical exercise is important and will be encouraged but contact sports are not permitted.
- Reports, containing a **teacher's comment** but **no A to E Grade**, will be issued before the end of Term 2.
- **Physical distancing does apply to ADULTS** and therefore there should be no visitors at school unless they are essential.

What we don't know:

- When School will be back to 'normal' – We don't know when excursions and inter school activities will be allowed, when work experience will start again, when students should be allowed to be drinking from water bubblers, when students can start attending TAFE again, when volunteers are back in school.

What we will be doing:

- Using Google Classrooms as the educational tool to assist in the transition from remote learning back to 'face to face' student learning.
- Encouraging students to BYOD (refer to the document 'Implementation of BYOD at THS in Term 2 2020') sent to Parents and Carers via Skoolbag on 20th May 2020. This document is also available on our website.
- Doing our best to provide a safe environment for students and staff by expecting physical distancing behaviour from adults, implementing enhanced cleaning and promoting the requirement of regular hand washing. ALL students have already been given clear expectations on how to keep safe. Students not meeting these expectations may be sent home.
- Working with the P&C to keep staff and students safe with the introduction of canteen online ordering through My School Connect <http://myschoolconnect.com.au/>
- Keeping a focus on student wellbeing. Please contact Mr Somerville if you have any concerns regarding your son or daughter's wellbeing.

What we need you to do:

- Refer to the attached document "A Guide to NSW School Students Returning to Face-to-Face Learning" and make sure you are aware of the responsibilities for student attendance at school.
- Supply your child with a reusable water bottle to bring to school each day.
- Understand that if your son and/or daughter **does not take responsibility** to keep safe they may be sent home as part of managing what still remains a global health crisis.
- Stay up to date with Tumut High School through our Facebook page, Skoolbag App and also check out our school website for news and resources.

Please let us know if you need our support - Our number is 6947 0600

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