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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope that your sons had a relaxing break and are ready to begin Term 4 on Monday 12 October.

Whilst this year has certainly been a difficult one to navigate, we have done so as a community together and take strength from this, as we continue into Term 4. As is always the case, the focus for Term 4 with staff and students is on learning growth and continuing to have high expectations of ourselves in all that we do. It is only when we expect more of ourselves that opportunities arise, as we utilise our skills and talents to open our world and experiences.

As such, it is an expectation that all students will return to the College ready to focus on their learning and growing their skills and talents across the curriculum. To this end, I ask that all parents ensure their sons are well prepared for the Term ahead with all the necessary equipment, including books and stationery. It is an expectation that all boys have had a hair cut and are cleanly shaven upon their return. Likewise, all students should be in the correct summer uniform. There are socks still available for sale in the front office should you need new ones.

COVID UPDATE

There are still many restrictions in place for schools however, we also had some good news at the end of Term 3 with regards to sport and camps. As of Term 4 Week 1, sport will resume in accordance with NSW Health guidelines. Camps are also back on, so our Year 9 students will be attending Somerset Camp in Week 9, in accordance with NSW Health Guidelines. Unfortunately, we are still unable to hold whole school assemblies and masses along with having non essential adults on site. We will continue to hold short year group assemblies in line with restrictions.

Whilst Australia and NSW are in a relatively good position at present, the spike in cases in NSW in recent days is a reminder that we cannot afford to become complacent with health and hygiene. Our College will continue to promote good hygiene practices amongst the boys and staff and our enhanced level of cleaning will continue. I would ask you to once again discuss the importance of good hygiene with your son prior to his return and that you continue to monitor NSW Health's latest case locations site [here](#) in order to ensure the College remains COVID safe and can remain open.

Once again, I would like to sincerely thank you for your continued support throughout a most challenging year. Please do not hesitate to make contact with the College if there is any way we can support you or your son throughout the coming term. We look forward to welcoming our young men back, in summer uniform and correctly groomed, on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

Brigid Taylor
Acting Principal