



ST CLAIR HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Guardian

I am writing once again to keep you informed of the school's response to the fire which occurred on Sunday 29 June 2014 and which destroyed a large part of the school.

This letter includes an update on the current situation and a reminder about the revised arrangements for the return of students for the start of Term 3.

The current situation.

The DEC response to everything has been extraordinary. It is true testament to the value of a high quality, well-resourced Public Education System. What has already been achieved in the 11 days since the fire occurred is truly remarkable.

Most of E Block has already been demolished with the exception of the HSIE section, student's toilets and canteen. The student toilets and the canteen will be operational week 1 and the HSIE classrooms and staffroom will hopefully be ready by week 5.

Currently on what was the school sports field we already have two library modules, one staff module and 14 demountable classrooms. We expect 15 demountable classrooms to be in place by next Wednesday and 20 by Friday week. Most of our furniture needs including student and staff desks and tables will be at the school by Monday. Students will have access during the lunch break to the St Clair Primary School oval.

On the St Clair HS website you will find a helpful resource to help students who are struggling with our recent situation. Students can also access a number of staff for support including Rebecca Vidler and Steve McFadden (School Counsellor), Josh Piper (Chaplin), Ms Beamer (HT Welfare), Year Advisors, Assistant Year advisors. In addition Ms Owston will be Head Teacher Welfare assistant.

Staff can be located for the initial few weeks in the following areas:

- English and Mathematics teachers – portable staffroom
- HSIE staff – Music computer room (C Block)
- Learning support team – Music practice room (C Block)
- Ms Beamer – PDHPE staffroom
- Ms Elks – Visual Arts staffroom
- Josh Piper (Chaplin) – Industrial Arts
- Ms Saisithidej (EAL/D) – CS3A (Industrial Arts)
- Ms Dane – Roll office
- Ms Susnjara – Home Economics staffroom
- Ms Robertson – Visual Arts staffroom

When students return to school they will be reissued with a new timetable. Ms Dane has worked extremely hard to make sure minimal impact on student learning will occur.

The start of Term 3.

As previously advised we believe it is best for everyone if we arrange a slightly staggered start for students. This is because we need to offer each group support, explain to them the temporary arrangements and reissue timetables and daily organisation.

Tuesday 15th July

Only students in Years 11 and 12 should return on this day. All students in these two years should be present in the school hall at 8-30am. Parents of these students are also welcome to attend in order to understand the new arrangements.

Wednesday 16th July

8-30am students in Years 7 and 8 should return to school and assemble in the school hall. Parents of these students are also welcome to attend in order to understand the new arrangements. Students will commence classes immediately after this meeting.

9-30am students in Years 9 and 10 should return to school and assemble in the school hall. Parents of these students are also welcome to attend in order to understand the new arrangements. Students will commence classes immediately after this meeting.

Thursday 17th July

We anticipate all students to be in attendance and attending classes as normal in temporary accommodation.

We seek your support and understanding with this slight variation in the first two days. However, if the above arrangements on Tuesday and Wednesday are impossible for particular families we will provide minimal supervision for students in Years 7-10 on the Tuesday, but there will be no normal classes operating on that day for junior students.

In order to assist our community through the early stages of this situation, we have also placed on our school website a set of "Questions and Answers" that you may find helpful.

As the Principal I feel incredibly grateful and honoured to be working alongside the staff and our student leaders whose efforts over the last two weeks have been superb. We are all lucky to have such wonderful people working in **your** community high school.

I will continue to update you via our school website, Facebook and Phone App in the weeks ahead.

Yours faithfully

Chris Presland (Principal)