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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Managing Return to School Term 2, 2020**

I hope everyone had a lovely Easter and our students are having a relaxing break from learning. It is heart-warming to see that the strategies that the Government have put in place and the cooperation of the vast majority of citizens, seems to be having a positive impact on the COVID19 curve. Last term was full of change and it appears that this term will also see regular adjustments to learning plans.

On Tuesday morning, Premier Gladys Berejiklian announced that NSW school students will *gradually return to school from Week 3 of Term 2*. The NSW Department of Education have described five phases that will return us back to our normal way of schooling. Please see the attached **Information Sheet** which outlines the phased approach announced by the Premier that the Diocese of Broken Bay schools are adopting to manage the return to school of students.

As soon as this announcement was made, we started working on the organisational details and the additional safety measures that we will put in place at Mater Maria. The details of these will be shared with you over the next week. The Premier is hoping that all students will be back at school full time by the start of Term 3.

As previously advised we will be having a staff development day on Monday 27 April in preparation for the continuation of home-based learning on Tuesday 28 April. Although these phased changes to learning will require constant adjustment, with each step we are getting closer to being back together full time at school - I am sure we are all looking forward to that.

Remember, that if your child is sick or showing the slightest symptoms of illness they should not be sent to school over the next term.

Once again we thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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