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Dear Parents and Members of the School Community,

I am thrilled to report that power has returned to the College.

Systems have been tested and redundancies have been checked. While there is still storm damage to facilities that needs to be navigated over the coming days the College will be fully operational for classes tomorrow. Some of the facilities will be under repair over the coming weeks but all have been assessed and have been cleared for safety.

Boarders who have been off site staying with families are asked to return to their respective residences no later than 8.00 pm this evening. The boarding residences will be open at 3.30 pm and dinner will be served for those who return early and wish to engage in a full night of study. Given the absence from classes and interruption provided by the weather over recent days, I urge all to consider an early start if it is possible.

For senior students, Canvas – the Learning Management System at the College, is up and running. I encourage all who are enrolled in HSC courses to visit Canvas to access course materials and assessment requirements. These have been updated by Heads of Faculty and teachers over the last 24 hours.

As of tomorrow, normal arrangements apply for all students. That includes live timetable updates, the Year 9 Drama Excursion, Home Room and House activities, ReView, together will all calendared activities for the latter part of the week. Extension classes timetabled before school will be conducted. Depending upon weather, the co-curricular program will also come into full effect over the weekend, although some further rains associated with the projected forecast may have an influence on that.

The one area that will be of limited service is the canteen on the Senior Campus and Regis, respectively. There will be NO Lunch Orders via Flexischools. The Senior Canteen will have a limited supply of hot food items for over the counter purchase tomorrow at lunch, but where possible students should bring their own lunch from home. Normal canteen service for the Senior Campus and Regis, including Lunch Orders via Flexischools, will resume on Thursday.

From here on, any short-term changes to the operation of the College made necessary by weather or other exigencies will be posted on the public website (<https://www.riverview.nsw.edu.au>). They will be complemented by posts on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter so that the whole school community is kept informed.

I wish to thank many whose truly colossal efforts have enabled communications to be maintained and the community to remain informed as changing circumstances have presented. A multitude of bridging arrangements were put into place in order to respond to the range of issues that emerged over the last 48 hours. We are truly indebted to a large number of maintenance and IT staff, teachers, administrators, support staff, boarding staff, and, the list goes on. To each and to all, I extend a statement of sincere and heartfelt thanks.

If there are any concerns or queries about the full return to school operations please feel encouraged to make direct contact with those listed below:

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Hine". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P'.

Dr Paul Hine
Principal