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Dear parents,

When school goes back, there is usually a collective sigh of relief from parents that can be heard around the state, along with the customary first day nerves, tears and cheers for our newest, youngest starters.

But heading into the third year of a global pandemic makes life a bit different, and I know every parent has concerns about what 2022 holds for kids in school.

After so much disruption and home learning last year, the Government understands just how important it is to give every student the opportunity to get back into the classroom, and to do it safely.

That is why everyone in our state's education system has been working in overdrive to get our schools ready to welcome students back safely on day one. I'm immensely grateful to our teachers and administrative staff, and especially our Principals and Deputy Principals, for the amazing job they have done to get us here.

Safety in schools is our top priority, and we are taking every step necessary to prove a safe learning environment, including free rapid tests for every student, maximised natural and mechanical ventilation, sensible mask requirements, increased cleaning and other measures.

The past few years have taught us to expect bumps in the road ahead, but even though the coming months may be challenging, the Government knows the positive difference every day of school education can make for our kids, both now and into the future.

So I am determined to make this year as seamless as possible for you, your families and your kids, and I hope getting back to school will ease some of the pressure for you too.

Thank you again for your efforts over the past two years. We have come a long way, and I have no doubt that if we keep working together, we will rise to whatever challenges may lie ahead.

I will make sure to keep you updated, and your schools and the Department of Education will of course keep you informed every day too.

All of us are united in our determination to give our kids the very best opportunity to get the best education possible, while staying safe, healthy and happy.

Wishing you and your families a fantastic start to the 2022 school year.

Yours sincerely,

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