

# Covid-19 Update

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Dear Families

Hello Everyone, our warmest thoughts continue to be with you all. I provide information just received from the Department of Education this afternoon.

### ***A guide to NSW school students returning to face-to-face learning***

*This guide is for parents and carers. Information has been updated as at 19 May 2020, until further notice.*

Schools are safe and open for full time face-to-face learning. All schools are returning to full on-campus learning from Monday 25 May. All school activities and operations will be in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines as applicable.

School students do not need to follow physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like:

- Regularly washing hands
- Avoiding sharing drinks or food
- Coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately.

### ***School attendance***

All students should be at school unless:

- They have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition
- They are currently unwell.

Students who have a medical certificate to stay at home will be supported to learn from home in line with regular procedures if they are able to. These regular procedures are different to what was offered during the learning from home period. If you require work to be provided to your child whilst they are at home due to an underlying health condition, please contact us for assistance.

Please note, students who live with a family member in one of the categories identified as being at increased risk by the AHPPC, should attend school unless a medical practitioner advises otherwise in writing. If your child is unwell, do not send them to school. If they are unwell at school you or your nominated emergency contact will need to collect them immediately. Please make sure your contact details are up to date. If a student is absent without a medical reason for more than three days, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and followed up by the school. If you need any support to get your child back to school, please contact the school.



### **Reporting and assessment**

Your child will be carefully assessed during the remainder of term 2 upon their return to school. It is the School's plan that you will receive your child's semester 1 report before the end of term 2. This will be a simplified version of the report you normally receive.

### **School activities**

Teachers will continue to follow the same school curriculum with the exception of some activities that can't go ahead for now.

#### **What children can do:**

- Use the school library
- Engage in non-contact sporting activities

#### **What students can't do:**

- School assemblies (unless for critical information)
- School incursions and excursions including camps
- Inter-school activities (debating, inter-school sport)
- In-school activities requiring parent or other volunteers
- Drink from a water bubbler – bring a water bottle instead

### **School cleaning and hygiene supplies**

Our school has received additional cleaning in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Targeted areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas. There will also be additional cleaning of toilets and hand basins and topping up of supplies like soap. Our school has also received supplies of soap, hand sanitiser, toilet paper, paper towels, disinfectant wipes and personal protective equipment.

### **School grounds**

There should be no visitors to school sites unless they are deemed essential. Essential visitors include; allied health, maintenance, Department staff.

### **Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures**

Updated procedures regarding drop off and pick up times and zones will be provided on Thursday this week.

### **Bus Travel**

Busways are providing all regular bus services to and from school and are also implementing enhanced cleaning procedures.

### **Meetings with and among parents and carers**

Our P&C meetings and parent/carer/teacher meetings will continue to be conducted virtually.

### **Other school facilities**

- The Canteen (online orders only) – OPEN Thursdays and Fridays only
- Uniform Shop (email or phone in your orders) - OPEN from 26 May
- Out of school hours care will continue to operate.

We are working closely with NSW Health and Education and will communicate with parents immediately if a situation was to arise.

Kind regards,

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