

# **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, you should contact the school 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 your school.

### ***Reporting and assessment***

Your child has been assessed during the learning from home period and will receive additional assessment on their return to school.

You will receive your child's semester 1 report on Thursday 2 July.

This will be a simplified version of the report you normally receive. A brief survey will be distributed to parents shortly to gain feedback on their child/ren's progress whilst learning from home.

### ***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 will receive 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 topping up of supplies like soap.

Our school has received supplies of soap, hand sanitiser, toilet paper, paper towels, disinfectant wipes and personal protective equipment. The school is able to order more as needed.

### ***School grounds***

There should be no visitors to school sites unless they are essential. Our school can provide guidance as to who is considered essential.

Please find attached advice on drop off and pick up procedures.

Wherever possible, P&C and parent/carer/teacher meetings will be conducted virtually.

Canteens and uniform shops will be open.

Before and after school care can continue to operate.

### **Responding to COVID-19 cases**

There is a clear plan in place for schools to respond to any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our schools. We are working closely with NSW Health and will communicate with parents if a situation was to arise