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SCHOOL UPDATE 6 SEPTEMBER

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have now been learning from home for the last eight weeks and we could not have done it without your unwavering support. With only two weeks of term remaining, I urge everyone to continue to stay focused and keep up the fantastic effort.

The message from NSW Health continues to be that families should be keeping children at home unless it is absolutely necessary for them to attend school until at least 23 October.

Looking ahead, on Friday 27 August 2021 the Premier announced the return to school roadmap for students in NSW. Students will return to face-to-face learning either through a 'staged return' or 'full return', depending on NSW Health conditions in their area.

Full return (Level 3)

Areas across NSW that are removed from stay-at-home rules will return to school under Level 3 settings. This is a full return for all students to schools, with reduced mingling and on-site activities.

Staged return (Level 3 plus)

Where stay-at-home rules are still in place but high community vaccination and low transmission conditions are met, students will return to school in a staged way. This is a staggered return for prioritised cohorts, with no mingling or on-site activities.

Students in Year 12 and those completing the HSC are already able to return in a limited way and this will continue for the remainder of Term 3 2021. From 25 October 2021, these students will have full-time access to school campuses and their teachers.

Local Government Areas of concern

Identified Local Government Areas (LGAs) and suburbs of concern operating under Level 4 plus restrictions will continue learning from home until we are advised otherwise by NSW Health.

Order of return

Students will return to face-to-face learning with NSW Health-approved COVID-safe settings on school sites in the following order:

From 25 October 2021 – Kindergarten, Year 1 and 12

From 1 November 2021 – Years 2, 6 and 11

From 8 November 2021 – Years 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

We will be providing further advice as we develop our plan for a staged return.

The return to school roadmap is subject to change depending on new information expected through the Public Health Order and additional advice from NSW Health. You can stay up to date with the most recent advice on our [Advice for families page](#).

Vaccinations for school staff

To ensure a COVID-safe return to school, all NSW public school and preschool staff on-site to support the staged return of students will be required to be fully vaccinated. Any contractors, volunteers or people on site who require a Working With Children Check will also be required to have 2 doses of vaccination before returning to our school.

Our staff have been encouraged to make use of the various routes for priority vaccination available to them and to book appointments for whatever vaccine is available as soon as possible. We will continue to work with NSW Health to prioritise vaccinations for all staff across NSW.

All NSW school and preschool staff will be required to be fully vaccinated by 8 November.

The department's [COVID-19 webpage](#) is constantly being updated and outlines the restrictions in our schools as well as other useful information and resources to keep you up to date and supported.

Learning from Home

[The learning from home page](#) has a wide range of curriculum-based activities to further supplement your child's learning, if required.

We understand the pressures of parents both supervising learning from home as well as completing their own work. There are some helpful [wellbeing tools](#) available to help look after yourself and those around you. Parents are the best judge of what is appropriate for your child to be doing at home. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me or your child's teacher if you need further guidance or something is not working for you.

A reminder that Friday 17 September is the last day of Term 3. Students will resume learning from home lessons on Tuesday 5 October.

Regards

Maria Dichiera
Principal