

CASULA HIGH SCHOOL

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SAFE HIGH EXPECTATIONS ACHIEVEMENT RESPECT PREPARED

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited about the return of our year 7 - 11 students for face-to-face learning on Monday 25 October. Casula High School is taking a layered approach to ensure our school is safe for the return of our staff and students.

Return of year 7-11

When our students return to school on Monday 25 October, they will be following their regular timetable, commencing with week B, with all staff on site fully vaccinated. It is not mandatory for students to return to school with a vaccination.

Unwell students

Families are reminded to follow existing attendance protocols, keep your child at home and contact the office if your child is unwell or exhibits flu like symptoms. Students will be required to produce a negative COVID test result prior to returning to school. Families must contact the school if your child or a member of your family tests positive to COVID, self-isolate and follow the advice of NSW Health.

Travel to and from school

Parents at this point in time are unable to come on site to collect their child as per advice from the Department of Education. Student pick up must occur outside the school and away from the main gates, to support distancing of community. Parents should remain in their car during drop off and pick up times. Parents are reminded to contact the office on 9602 4320 to book a teleconference with the Deputy Principal as required.

Families are also encouraged to use personal vehicles to transport students to and from school. Additional advice is also available for those that use public transport from Transport NSW, <https://transportnsw.info/covid-19>.

Staggered Dismissal

To support the safety and wellbeing of our students we will have a staggered dismissal time at the end the school day. Teachers will accompany and supervise their class until 3pm at the front of the school. Cohorts will be assigned areas to wait for siblings, busses or parent pick up. Students that remain to meet with siblings or busses will need to do so in cohorts.

- Year 9 and 10 - 2.45 pm (Tuesday 2.05pm)
- Year 7 and 8 – 2.55 pm (Tuesday 2.15pm)
- Year 11 and 12 – 3.00pm (Tuesday 2.20pm)

Breaktimes

Students from year 7 – 12 will be assigned designated areas and toilet blocks during breaktimes to reduce mixing of cohorts.

- Year 11 and 12 - Front of school
- Year 7 and 8 - Ovals, Science and oval seating area
- Year 9 - Basketball court and TAS quad
- Year 10 - Main and Social Science quad

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To minimise cohorts mixing students will be required to use allocated toilet blocks during break times.

- Year 7-8- Bottom Science
- Year 10- Top Science
- Year 9- Senior Toilets
- Year 11-12- Front office

Any adjustments to breaktime areas or access to toilet blocks will be communicated to students during our weekly virtual assemblies. Students must spend breaktimes within their allocated areas and in their own year groups.

Canteen

The canteen will not be operational for the period 18 October – 29 October and students are required to bring their own refreshments for break times, students are not permitted to share refreshments with peers. From 1 November the canteen will only be accepting lunch orders. Further information about the ordering process will be communicated.

Masks

Students are required to bring their own mask to school. As per the NSW Health advice students and staff are required to wear face masks indoors. Please contact the school to speak with the Deputy Principal on 9602 4320 if your child has a medical exemption regarding face masks, prior to their return. Students are strongly encouraged to maintain physical distancing in indoors and in outdoor settings.

Hygiene practices

To support the safety and wellbeing of all students should continue to practice good hygiene, including:

- wash their hands regularly and/or use hand sanitiser throughout the day
- cover a cough or sneeze with their elbow
- dispose of tissues and other personal use items immediately into the bin
- avoid physical contact in greetings, such as shaking hands or hugging

Physical Education and Sport lessons

Students will continue to engage in PE and sports lesson with no mixing of classes or cohorts. To reduce the mingling of classes or cohorts, students will not have access to the changerooms. Students will be required to wear their PE uniform on days where a student has a timetabled PE or Sport lesson and bring a change of shoe.

School activities

As per the advice from the Department of Education during Term 4 many school-based activities will remain on hold until NSW Health advises otherwise. This includes large celebrations like assemblies, presentation days, graduations, and sporting events. Until there is a change to these guidelines, we will continue to meet with our students through virtual assemblies and will communicate any changes from the Department of Education in due course.

We will communicate any updates with our community as they become available to us from NSW Health and the Department of Education. Please contact the school on 9602 4320 or casula-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au for additional support. The staff at Casula High School look forward to having our students return onsite where we know the best learning happens in a nurturing and supportive environment.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr G Smith
Principal

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