

20 May 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Following the NSW government announcement yesterday morning regarding the return to school next week, Casula High School is pleased to announce that we will be returning to face to face teaching from Week 5, 25 May.

Hygiene and Safe Practices

Casula High School is working to ensure the safety of staff and students in line with AHPPC guidelines. Please be reassured that the school will continue to implement a range of processes to mitigate the risks of COVID 19 infection. These include promoting high levels of hygiene, regular cleaning of hard surfaces and toilet areas.

As per advice from the AHPPC guidelines, 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, students should continue to bring water bottles from home to fill at water stations rather than drink by mouth from the bubblers.
- Coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately.
- Avoid Physical contact greetings examples include hugging and hand shaking.

All school activities and operations will be in line with AHPPC guidelines and NSW Health advice, as applicable.

School attendance

As we move back to face to face teaching on campus, thank you for understanding that it is not possible for teachers to continue remote learning for students who do not come back to school. The best outcome for students is that they are back at school. All students are expected back at school unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence.

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

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they are at home due to an underlying health condition, as per normal practise you should contact the Deputy Principal 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 Deputy Principal.

Bell Times:

There will be a staggered leaving time for our students at the end of the day to ensure safety and physical distancing within the school;

- Year 11 and 12 will be finishing school at 2:50pm on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. They will finish at 2:10pm on Tuesdays and 12:20pm on Wednesdays.
- Year 7 will be finishing at 2:55 pm on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. They will finish at 2:15pm on Tuesdays and 2:40pm on Wednesdays.
- Special Education students will leave as per usual.
- Years 8, 9 and 10 will finish at normal bell times.

There will be minimal supervision for students as they leave the school.

School grounds –Parents and Visitors onsite

There should be no visitors to school sites unless they are essential. The office is open and our parents are encouraged to call or email the school regarding queries or concerns and to make payments online, as we need to limit the non-essential access to our school site where possible. In the event of parents or carers needing to visit our front office we ask that you call to speak to a Deputy Principal before arriving at the front office. We also ask that our community maintains social distancing by avoiding gathering at the school gates.

We encourage parents not to pick up and drop their children on Myall Road directly in front of the school due to congestion and to help physical distancing within the community. Please organise your child's pick up at a designated pick up area.

School Activities

There will be no assemblies, excursions, incursions and sporting events in Term 2 unless otherwise advised by the Department of Education.

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More information will be provided to our community in regards to reporting, parent teacher evenings and subject selection evening over the next week.

NSW Government COVID-19 Update Page for Parents and Carers

Reminder to parents the Department of Education provide regular updates to our community regarding their response to COVID-19. These updates can be accessed via the link below.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

Thank you for your support as we work together through this.

Kind Regards,

G Smith