

CASULA HIGH SCHOOL

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SAFE HIGH EXPECTATIONS ACHIEVEMENT RESPECT PREPARED

Dear Parents/Carers,

The information below addresses Casula High School's managed return to school.

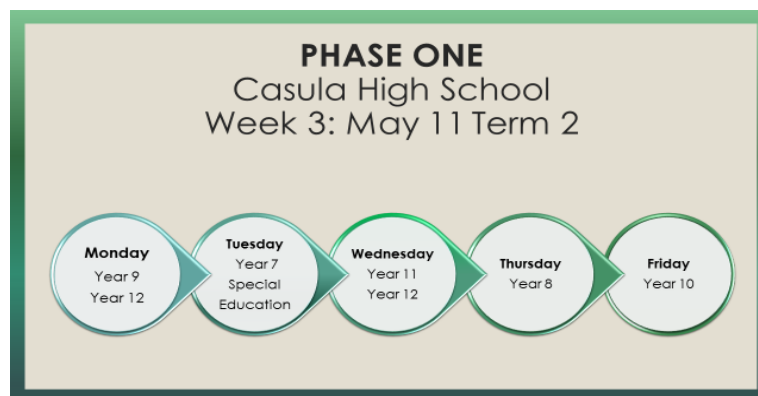
Phase One Return to School

From 11 May Casula High School will be implementing a staggered approach to allow our school community to balance the needs of our students, families and staff during the pandemic. Our staggered approach has been developed from the Department of Education's guidelines for a managed return to school. In line with health advice provided by the government, this will limit the number of students and staff on site and help support social distancing.

During this time families are encouraged to have their child attend school one day a week. Year 11 are expected to be at school for the full day on Wednesdays. We encourage our families to have Year 12 return twice during the week to support our students with their HSC and the completion of Major Works. Year 12 students are expected to work on Major Works during period 5 and 6 on Wednesdays.

The school will continue to be open every day for children of families with essential workers.

If parents have concerns about returning their children to school from week three we ask that they make contact with the Principal or Deputy Principal.



Timetable and Bell Times

On the day of attendance students will receive their timetable and revised bell times as they arrive to school. It is important to note that the structure of our day has been revised and we will not be having Focus on Reading during this time. Our school day will continue to finish at the conclusion of period five on Tuesday with minimal supervision to 3.00pm. **On Mondays and Wednesdays, our Year 12 students will be dismissed at 2.50pm** to support social distancing when students are exiting the school.

On Wednesdays period 5 and 6, Year 12 students who study subjects which include the production of a major work will be timetabled with teachers into our practical workspaces to support the continuation of their projects. No other Year 12 formal lessons will be timetabled during this time, however flexible spaces will be open as well as the Excellence and Engagement Hub for year 12 students to continue working and receive support for assessment tasks.

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Teaching and Learning Spaces

As students return to school during Phase 1 there will be adjustments made to teaching and learning spaces. These adjustments will include reducing class size numbers to 10 students and up to 15 in larger class spaces, the alteration of the furniture layout to help ensure appropriate distancing, the provision of sanitiser in these spaces and information for students regarding how to maintain hygiene during this time.

Social Distancing

Students will also be required to adhere to distancing and hygiene expectations during break times and at the end of the day. During breaks it is important that students engage in appropriate activities that allow for distancing. Information will be accessible around the canteen, library and other areas with a high level of use during break times. Some games and activities may need to be altered to ensure distancing and this will be communicated by staff. At the end of the day exits will be staggered for year groups and students will be encouraged to use the most appropriate exit point at the front of the school. Students accessing public transport should also make efforts to ensure appropriate distancing.

Completion of Work

We are extremely proud of how our students have adapted to the online learning platform that we have provided as well as the learning packs which have been distributed. Our staff provide feedback on this learning and have been pleased with the efforts of many of our students. We continue to expect that students are actively engaged in their learning. For all year groups, but in particular years 10-12, contact will be attempted with those students that have not shown engagement or completion of tasks. For students in Years 10-12, warning of non-attempts or unsatisfactory participation will result in n-warnings that may prevent their completion of their studies this year.

One Unit of Learning

During this phase we will continue to support the engagement in a single unit of learning. For students this means that they can continue their current practices and complete tasks set using online learning platforms or learning packs. Students that require support in accessing this work can contact the school via email at any time.

Technology Access

Students will be required to bring a device to school on their allocated day to continue with their online learning at school. This will allow teachers to support your child with any questions and or concerns regarding their classwork. Parents and students are asked to carefully read through the Digital Technology Acceptable Use Policy which is also available on our school website. As student devices will be connected to the internet through their e-learning account, they implicitly agree to abide by Casula High School's and the Department's Acceptable Use Policy. Where students have difficulty accessing the internet, printed material will be provided to students. Any queries regarding devices and access to technology are to be emailed to Ms Argyle at casula-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

We have been supporting families throughout the time with access to technology. We encourage parents to contact the school if further support is required.

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School Canteen

Our school canteen will be operational as of 11 May 2020 and will be available to students on their return. Precautionary measures are in place at the school canteen, we have provided clear markings to guide students and staff on appropriate social distancing when they are lined up. As always our canteen adheres and promotes strict hygiene practices in food preparation.

Our uniform shop based in Liverpool and Moorebank is open Monday to Friday and is happy to assist with winter uniform purchases.

Social Distancing for Parents

To ensure we are continuing to support our students and staff we have put in extra precautions in our office area to keep our staff and students safe as we manage the return to school. 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 adhere to the measures put in place and practice physical distancing. We also ask that our community maintains social distancing by avoiding gathering at the school gates.

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>

Yours Sincerely

Gareth Smith

Relieving Principal