

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 12 students for face to face learning on Monday 18 October. Casula High School is taking a layered approach to ensure our school is safe for the return of our staff and students. **Year 12 students will be onsite for the period Monday 18 October – Friday 28 October.**

For the period Monday 1 November – Monday 8 November year 12 will continue with their HSC preparation, revision and study online. During this time students are permitted to come onsite to see their teachers for additional support. Please note that this is subject to change, based on advice, and we will communicate if required.

Return of year 12

When our year 12 cohort return to school on Monday they will be following their regular timetable, commencing with week A, 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 gates 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>.

Breaktimes and Canteen

For the period 18 October – 22 October year 12 students will have access to the quad and basketball courts during breaktimes. 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.

When all students from year 7 – 11 return from Monday 25 October cohorts will be assigned designated areas and toilet blocks during breaktimes to reduce mixing of cohorts.

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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

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 are changes, we will continue to meet with our students through virtual assemblies. We will communicate any changes from the Department of Education in due course.

HSC exams

HSC exams commence Tuesday 9 November and we wish our year 12 students all the best with their HSC preparation. We are putting in place COVID -safe arrangements for exams to minimise the mixing of our students. These plans include appropriate spacing for students and exams being conducted in well ventilated rooms. We are also organising alternate venues in the event we need to relocate the HSC exams and will communicate with our families should this be required.

We will communicate our return for the return of year 7 – 11 during week three at our Community Café on Thursday 21 October and during our year 7 – 11 virtual assemblies on Tuesday 19 October, parents are invited to attend these assemblies with their child. Further to this, 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