

Dear Parents / Carers,

The best learning environment for students is in the classroom and we are looking forward to welcoming back our students to Casula High School in Term 4. We know that while there will be excitement, there will also be some anxiety and uncertainty about being back together at school.

Return to School

Students will return to face-to-face learning at Casula High School in the following order:

From Week 3, Monday 18 October – Year 12 From Week 4, Monday 25 October – Year 7 – 11

Attendance

All students are expected to return to school on the date indicated for their year group, unless: they are unwell, exhibit flu like symptoms or have been asked by NSW Health to self-isolate. In these instances, students will be required to have a negative COVID test result prior to returning to school. We remind our families if your child has tested positive to COVID that you contact the office on 9602 4320. Any cases will be dealt with in a sensitive and confidential manner.

Upon our return to face-to-face-learning there will not be the opportunity for students to continue to learn online from home.

Staggered Finishing Times

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students, Casula High School will be implementing staggered finishing times for particular cohorts. With more information to be communicated to our during our Zoom year meetings. Parents are welcome to be in attendance during our Zoom year meetings. We will be meeting with our community during week 3 at our Community Café Thursday 21 October.

Visitors to Casula High School

Only essential visitors are allowed on school sites at this time. When dropping off or picking up your child, parents and carers need to remain outside school grounds, staying in the car when dropping off and picking up children if it is safe to do so. Parents will be required to follow physical distancing guidelines, adhere to mask wearing requirements in accordance with the Public Health Order and signing in using the Service NSW QR code if entering the school for exceptional circumstances.

Masks

Masks are mandatory on public transport. This applies to staff and students aged 13 years and over when: at a public transport waiting area and travelling to and from school. **Masks are mandatory for all staff and all students while they are indoors and outdoors on school sites unless eating or exercising.** Where possible, classroom doors and windows will remain open, and fans and air-conditioners will be set to use outside air. Parents are to contact the school if their child has a medical exemption and is unable to wear a mask.



School Activities

Unfortunately, for the moment many school-based activities will remain on hold until NSW Health advise otherwise. This includes large celebrations such as assemblies, presentation days and graduations, arts, and sports events.

More information can be found regarding our return to school here, <u>https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families/guidelines-for-families.</u>

Our key priority is the safety and wellbeing of our students, staff, and community. We will always be guided by the latest advice from NSW Health and the Department of Education and will communicate any updates accordingly. We look forward to working with our community for the safe return for our students and staff. Please contact the school on 9602 4320 or casula-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au for further support.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr G Smith Principal