

Dear parent and carers,

As promised, I am writing with additional information about the return of students to our school campus. First, a reminder about the dates for our phased return.

Commencing 25 October (Week 4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early childhood centres (ECEC) • Preschool and kindergarten • Years 1 and 2 • Year 6 • Years 9 and 10 • Out of school hours care (OSHC)
Commencing 1 November (Week 5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Years 3, 4 and 5 • Years 7 and 8
<i>From weeks 1 to 4 of term, onsite supervision and care continues to be available for vulnerable children and young people whose parents are essential workers.</i>	

Drawing on national and local health advice we have developed a return to school plan which has three key priorities:

- the health and safety of staff and young people,
- the mental and emotional well-being of students and staff, and
- ensuring continuity of learning.

Below is an outline of [ACT Health Guidelines](#) that schools are required to implement to ensure effective COVID-19 measures are in place.

Use of Check in CBR app	All staff and visitors must check in using the 'Check in CBR' app. Parents and carers cannot enter school grounds except for an essential reason. Visitors must call to make an appointment, or in advance of attendance. All visitors must report to the front office.
Student illness	Staff and students who are unwell are not able to attend school. Students who present unwell will be required to go home.
Hygiene	Schools will maintain and promote appropriate hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene practices. Students will need to wash hands and use hand sanitisers throughout the day. Students will not be allowed to share food or drink.

Masks	<p>Staff, visitors and students* in years 7-12 must wear a face mask on campus. Students in years 3-6 are encouraged to wear a mask if they are comfortable doing so. Students in Preschool to year 2 are not required to wear a mask. Masks may not be suitable for students with a disability or medical condition and schools will make allowances for those students not to wear masks.</p> <p><i>* Students will be required to wear their personal masks. Masks will be available at school for those who require them. Disposable masks need to be changed every four hours.</i></p>
Physical Distancing	<p>Physical distancing between children and young people is not always possible, particularly in single classrooms and school environments. It is however important for limiting the transmission of COVID 19. To promote physical distancing we may adjust learning programs, breaktimes, our timetable as well as pick up and drop off arrangements. More specific information about what this means for your child is included below.</p>
Environmental cleaning	<p>Our school cleaning program includes regular cleaning of high touch services, frequently used objects, and play equipment.</p>
Ventilation	<p>All schools have been assessed to increase fresh air circulation and this may involve changes to ventilation, modified HVAC system settings and maximising the use of outdoor learning spaces.</p>
Managing suspected cases	<p>We are prepared to respond to a positive COVID-19 case on campus, should the need arise. ACT Health will provide direction to the school and community, which may result in a full or partial school closure. A student who presents with symptoms of COVID-19 will be isolated with suitable supervision, and parents will be required to collect their child. Symptomatic students will be required to wear a mask.</p>
Will schools have routine testing for COVID-19?	<p>Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should get tested immediately. ACT Health is not recommending routine COVID-19 testing of children, young people or staff using rapid antigen testing.</p>
Wellbeing supports	<p>Wellbeing and learning supports, such as face to face appointments with the school psychologist or access to a Learning Support Assistant, will recommence with the return to school.</p> <p>For parents and carers of students with a medical vulnerability: if you wish the school to make reasonable adjustments for the safe return of your child, you must consult a GP and provide medical advice to that effect. Where adjustments can't be made, the school will support your child to learn from home.</p>

To further support the ACT Health Guidelines our school is making the following adjustments.

Drop off and pick up

Where possible, parents and carers will be encouraged to drop children off without entering the school grounds. Some children may require some assistance, and this will be supported. Riding and walking to school where possible is encouraged to ease the congestion in the car park.

Bike riders (of all year levels) please use the Duffy Shops or Kindergarten external gates before going to your learning space.

Older siblings are to meet their parents at the meeting point for the youngest child in the family.

Each year level has a designated dropped off and picked up location:

- Preschool: entry via the preschool main gate, CBR check-in, hand sanitise and students will transitioned to parent/carer/Educator. Only one adult per child is to be in this area to allow for appropriate physical distancing. Exit will be via the double gates near the rock riverbed.
- Kindergarten: Kindergarten classroom door facing the carpark



- Year 1: Double doors in Kindergarten/Year 1 corridor (facing the carpark)



- Year 2: Hall



- Year 3: Googong external door facing the carpark



- Year 4-6: External gates (Duffy Shops side & Kindergarten side)
- LSUA: Griffin Unit Sandpit Courtyard

The internal corridors of the school are now for students and staff only. The front office can be accessed via the front door for essential business however the foyer is only large enough for 3 adults to be queuing at once. The school will be heavily reliant on our families maintaining social distancing at this time. We ask that you do not enter the school unless your child requires your support.

Parents/Carers are to remain in their cars in the pickup and drop off zone in our school carpark. We know some children will struggle with transitioning back to school, our friendly staff will support you if needed. The school will have several staff in the carpark each morning to support families to drop their children off.

Hygiene routines

Hand sanitiser will be available in every learning space to supplement regular handwashing with water and soap. Staff and students should undertake hand hygiene regularly, particularly on arrival and before and after eating.

Teaching and learning

Our Learning Support Assistants and Specialist staff have been allocated to cohorts to continue support programs. Teaching teams and LSA support for our return to school. Majority of the time we will be operating within these. At times during the week the staff teams will expand to: Preschool, Kindergarten & LSUA, Year 1 & Year 2, Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & Year 6 for the delivery of learning programs or student supervision.

Preschool	Kindergarten	Year 1	Year 2
Brittany Lamond	Bec Punch	Claudia Robinson	Jess Spencer
Ferzana Shaikh	Katie Withers	Dale Larsen	Bec Thompson
Savannah	Ryan Weir	Sam Fraser	Chris Nairn
Gill	Katherine Burns	Bridie Hill	Katrina Sinclair
Steph Bourke		Pipp	Lachie K
Kellie Lambert			
Matt			
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Karla Russell	Gabe Kearins	Helena Jovanoska	Sarah Moore
Lachlan Hunter	Zoe Green	Sam Zaja	Tim Sloman
Carla Magro	Brooke Sedgman	Lucy Kelly	Chris Currie
Libby Howard	Pattie Alexander		Jeremy
Sophie	Heidi		
Inder			

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		Vicki Shaw	Keryn	Molly																																															
		Ben Peel	Zoe	Inder																																															
		Rachael Lee	Sam	Tayla																																															
		<p>French, Science and PE programs will continue to be developed by Ms Sinclair, Ms Kelly and Mr Currie that will be delivered in the cohort structure by the year level or allocated specialist teacher. For example, Mr Currie may deliver the French content prepared by Ms Sinclair to the Year 6 cohort.</p> <p>In the first week back at school our teachers will prioritise re-establishing routines and expectations, building relationships and connections alongside literacy, numeracy and inquiry based learning.</p>																																																	
Break times	<p>We have divided our school play grounds into four areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Junior Playground (Kindergarten – Year 2 only) 2. Castle/Northern Oval (preschool end) 3. Southern Oval (Pump track end) 4. Blacktop and Spider 																																																		
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		<p>The year levels will rotate through the playgrounds.</p> <p>All students will need to bring a labelled drink bottle as bubblers are not in use. As per our usual routine there is time set aside for students to be seated for supervised eating time.</p> <p>All students should also bring a piece of fruit or vegetables for fruit break. Cohort staff will do break time supervision with their students.</p> <p>All students should also bring a piece of fruit or vegetables for fruit break.</p>																																																	

	These times may be moved slightly due to operational reasons on a day to day basis.
Before and After School Care	Educators have been working for the duration of the lockdown. They will continue to follow their Organisation's COVID Response Plan, as well as aligning to the Education Directorate requirements and adhere to ACT Health requirements. Masks are mandatory, both inside and outside, OHSC educators will sign in using the school's CBR check-in code each time they work, use appropriate hand & respiratory health practices, as well as maintain social distancing from adults. When dropping off and collecting the students the OHSC educators won't enter learning spaces unless necessary.
School canteens	Our canteen provider Healthy Kids will continue to operate as normal. Lunch orders can be placed via the usual Flexischool process. They will deliver lunch orders to the school at 11am Thursday and Friday each week.

We will continue to review and adjust these measures based on the most up to date advice from ACT Health.

Remember, all adults and children aged 12 years and above are eligible for vaccination. If your child is eligible but not yet vaccinated, we encourage you to book them in by calling the COVID-19 vaccination line on 5124 7700 daily between 7am-7pm. Bookings can also be made with some [GP clinics and pharmacies](#).

We understand that there has been considerable change and uncertainty for our students during the pandemic, and as we transition back to school. I'd remind you that you and your child can book an appointment with our Telehealth Support Service on 02 6205 1559 between 9.00am and 4.30pm weekdays. With the return to school, your child will also be able to organise face to face sessions with the school psychologist.

For more information about the return to schools, I'd recommend visiting [the Education Directorate's website](#).

You can keep up to date with the latest health information, advice and resources on the [ACT's COVID-19 website](#).

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and understanding as we return to face-to-face schooling.

We look forward to seeing all our students back at school.

My regards,

Cindie Deeker
Principal