



What you need to know about our return to school in Term 4

We're excited about our return to face-to-face learning and welcoming students and staff back onsite where we know the best learning happens. This is a short summary of what our parents and students can expect.

As of 18 October, the School Visitor Check-in will replace the existing Service NSW Check-in

The Department of Education has partnered with Service NSW to provide a streamlined, digital school sign-in system for visitors and contractors at every NSW government school.

Benefits of the new system include:

- Accelerating your check-ins to as fast as 20 seconds!
- Linked to NSW Health's COVID-19 contact tracing ensuring every school is compliant with the NSW COVID-19 mandate
- Giving every school greater access to streamlined NSW Government services.

Watch our short parent video to see how it works for parents.



Key dates for our staged return

While we know there is excitement about the return to school it's important that we stick to the staged return to give us time to be ready to welcome back students onsite. Students will return to face-to-face learning in the following order :

- from 18 October – department preschool, Kindergarten, Year 1
- from 25 October – all remaining year groups



Our school's COVID-safe operations

Our COVID-safe return to school plan is NSW Health approved and includes numerous effective practices to support the health and wellbeing of our students and staff. These practices include vaccinations, mask wearing, reduced mingling of student groups and staff, ventilation in classrooms and continued good hygiene and cleaning.



Keeping student groups together

As we return to school students will be kept in their cohorts to minimise opportunities for transmission of COVID-19 and to enable effective contact tracing and containment. This means minimising interaction between students on school grounds and keeping cohorts together where possible.

- Week 3 – Class cohorts and assigned eating, playing and learning spaces
- Week 4 – Stage cohorts and assigned eating, playing and learning spaces

Students should bring their own water bottles to school for hygiene purposes.



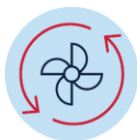
Mask wearing for students and staff

Masks are required to be worn on school site by staff indoors and outdoors and is strongly recommended for students indoors and outdoors unless exercising or eating. Students are encouraged to bring their own mask from home.



Vaccinations

All staff required on site supporting the return to school will need to be fully vaccinated from 18 October. Then from 8 November all staff, contractors, volunteers and students on student placement on a school site will need to be fully vaccinated, including Outside of School Hours Care staff.



Ventilation

Having open or well-ventilated spaces reduces the risk of transmission of COVID-19 because infectious particles are more quickly diffused in the open air. The department will continue to work with NSW Health to provide us with advice and guidance on maintaining good ventilation in our school and we will make use of our outdoor spaces wherever practical.



School activities

During Term 4 many school-based activities will remain on hold until NSW Health advise otherwise. This includes large celebrations like assemblies, presentation days and graduations, arts and sports events.



Covid Communication

Parents and students will be notified if a decision is made to close the school due to a confirmed case of COVID-19. During this time we will continue to provide learning from home activities and we will let you know when we can return to face-to-face learning.

Stay informed through our social media channels, Facebook and Class Dojo.



Orientation and transition to school

Onsite orientations and transition programs are not currently allowed in person on school sites until we are advised differently by NSW Health. We'll share more information in the coming weeks about our school's virtual orientation and transition program.

Stay informed with regards to our Terrace Turtles transition program via Facebook and the Terrace Turtles Class Dojo.

Drop-offs and pick-ups - Week 3 – Monday 18 October– K and Year 1

Drop-offs and pick-ups



Drop-off – from 8:25am via the main gate.

Students will be assigned areas for morning supervision.

Pick- up – 2:55pm

- Kindergarten – Gate 6 (main gate)
- Year 1 – Gate 7 (same as before learning from home)
- children of essential workers, Years 2-6 – Gate 7
- Multi-Cat – Gate 8

Drop-offs and pick-ups - Week 4 – Monday 25 October – All students

Drop-off – from 8:25am via the main gate.

Students will be assigned areas for morning supervision.

Pick- up – 2:55pm

- Kindergarten – Gate 6 (main gate)
- Stage 1 – Gate 7 (same as before learning from home)
- Stage 2 – Gate 5
- Stage 3 - Gate 4
- Multi-Cat – Gate 8

Drop-offs and pick-ups – COVID safe guidelines for parents/carers. Please...

- obey the road rules and parking signs as they are still in operation
- take care driving in the school zone as more children may be walking or cycling to school
- find a safe place away from the gate to wait and meet their child in the afternoon
- remain 1.5m from each other
- mask wearing is mandatory for all adults

We kindly ask all parents/carers not to enter the school grounds and congregate outside the school gates at the beginning and end of the day.