

Principal's Update

28 April 2020

Dear all

Well term 2 will commence for students tomorrow and who would have imagined at the start of term 1, 2020 how school would be only twelve weeks later.

The educational landscape continues to be all about online learning with weeks 1 and 2 continuing from where we left off in term 1.

All students will receive their classwork via Google classroom and where possible teachers will touch base with students via Zoom or other platforms usually for the first fifteen minutes of the lesson and then students will have the time to work through the activities prescribed. The students are expected to follow their normal lesson timetable and week 1 is an A week.

Please don't hesitate to email us if you (or your student) would like a phone call from one of the wellbeing team. We all recognise how difficult it is to engage with learning in an online format and particularly for the younger years.

The good news is that from week 3, we will commence Phase 1, which involves a transition for students back to school. This of course reflects the excellent work that the community has done in social distancing and following good hygiene practices such that the number of new cases of Covid-19 is extremely low.

Each school is doing something slightly different and this reflects the context of the school.

At Mosman High from week 3, 11 May; all Year 12 will return to school for normal lessons from Monday to Friday. However there will be no before or after school lessons for any year.

All other years will return for one day per week:

Monday - Year 11

Tuesday - Year 7

Wednesday - Year 8

Thursday - Year 9

Friday - Year 10

This follows the Department guidelines that 25% of students can attend school on any day.

As week 3 is an A week, students will follow their normal lessons for their assigned day for A week. So Year 7 will have their normal lessons for Tuesday, Week A.

All students will have a lesson with their timetabled teacher throughout the day. During that lesson the teacher will have the opportunity to answer questions about the online learning, explain the work that has been covered, check the wellbeing of their students, their attendance and more.

I have attached a flow diagram that explains the managed return of students. Week 1 and 2 represent Phase 0. Week 3 represents Phase 1. If week 4 continues at Phase 1 level then the year groups will attend on the same day as week 3 but they will attend their B week timetabled lessons.

At this time, I can't predict if weeks 5 and 6 will have moved to the next or subsequent phases.

We are fortunate at Mosman that we have 9 double rooms in our school where full classes can have lessons and maintain the required social distancing. Of course Year 12 being a smaller year with many smaller classes will be easily accommodated.

As you know at the end of last term, I cornered the market on hand sanitiser :) and we have dispensers on walls throughout the school as well as sufficient to place in classrooms as well.

I will speak to all students each morning on their assigned day and discuss what recess and lunch will look like. With only 250 or so students at school there will be plenty of space. Sadly basketball and hand ball (much loved by many of our students) won't be allowed in phase 1.

I am still negotiating with the school canteen providers as to whether they will open in week 3 and will let you know as soon as I am informed.

To those parents who requested a laptop for their child, they have been delivered to school and can be picked up on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday. At this point in time the dongles have not arrived.

I am sorry that this is such a long email but I wanted to keep you in the loop regarding all that is happening at school.

I hope you managed to have some relaxing time over the past two weeks. At least the weather was amazing :) I am really proud of the efforts that everyone is making throughout this difficult time but (while not wanting to rush carelessly) I also think that end is in sight.

Regards

Susan

Susan Wyatt
Principal
Mosman High School

PHASE 0

PHASE 1

PHASE 2

PHASE 3

PHASE 4

At all times

- Schools are safe places for students, teachers and staff.
- All students engage with a single unit of work.
- Keep up-to-date with your school's communications to make sure you receive important messages about timetable changes.
- Any identified cases of COVID-19 will continue to be managed in line with health advice, including temporary school closures where necessary.

Learning from home

Practical resources and guides to support students are available at the department's [Learning from home hub](#).

Schools are open for families who need it.

- Families are encouraged to keep their children at home wherever possible, with no student to be turned away.
- Students who attend school are supervised only, not in their regular classes.
- No excursions or inter-school activities.
- Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.

You must continue to

- Keep your child/children at home if possible.
- Support your child/children to continue learning at home.
- Communicate with your school via email and phone wherever possible.
- Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell.

Students at school at least one day per week.

- Schools have discretion for establishing which group attends on which day, with a preference to group siblings/families together.
- Families who need to send their child to school every day may continue to do so and no child will be turned away.
- Classes are split across different spaces and break times can be staggered.
- No excursions or inter-school activities.
- Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.

You can now

- Send your child/children to school one day a week.
- You are encouraged to keep your child at home for the rest of the week wherever possible.
- Check with your school to see which day of the week your child/children should attend.
- Use the school canteen and uniform shop where appropriate hygiene measures are in place.

You must continue to

- Follow your school's advice regarding changes to drop off and pick up, including staying in your car when dropping off and picking up your child/children if safe to do so.
- Maintain social distancing by avoiding gathering outside of school gates.
- Make sure your child/children have access to lunch and snacks, noting some canteens may not be operating at this stage.
- Support your child/children to continue learning at home on remote learning days.
- Communicate with your school via email and phone wherever possible.
- Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell.

Students at school at least two days per week.

- Schools have discretion for establishing which group attends on which days, with a preference to group siblings/families together.
- Families who need to send their child to school every day may continue to do so and no child will be turned away.
- Classes are split across different spaces and break times can be staggered.
- No excursions or inter-school activities.
- Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.

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- Send your child/children to school two days a week.
- You are encouraged to keep your child at home for the rest of the week wherever possible.
- Check with your school to see which two days of the week your child/children should attend.
- Use the school canteen and uniform shop where appropriate hygiene measures are in place.

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- Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell.

Students at school five days per week, with social distancing measures.

- Students with increased health risks may continue to learn at home to suit their individual needs.
- Students remain in the same classroom for the day, break times can be staggered to reduce mixing between class groups.
- No excursions or inter-school activities.
- Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.

You can now

- Send your child/children to school every day.
- Access community services run on school sites, where they are not restricted by Public Health Orders.
- Use the school canteen and uniform shop where appropriate hygiene measures are in place.
- Walk your child/children into and out of school while maintaining social distancing.

You must continue to

- Follow your school's advice regarding changes to drop off and pick up, including staying in your car when dropping off and picking up your child/children if safe to do so.
- Maintain social distancing by avoiding gathering outside of school gates.
- Make sure your child/children have access to lunch and snacks, noting some canteens may not be operating at this stage.
- Support your child/children to continue to learn at home if they are required to learn remotely.
- Communicate with your school via email and phone wherever possible.
- Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell.

Students at school five days per week, with full school activities.

- Normal school breaks and entry/exit processes will resume.
- Infection control procedures will continue on a school by school basis.
- Communication to staff, students and families regarding NSW Health advice will continue.
- Continued communication to the Early Childhood Education sector regarding NSW Health Advice.

You can now

- Send your child/children to school every day.
- Participate in school excursions and inter-school activities.
- Use playground equipment at schools.
- Drop your child/children off at school as you would normally do.
- Participate in school based activities such as volunteering in classes and assemblies.
- Use services that usually operate at your school like canteens and other community run activities.

A managed return to school

Guidelines for families