

Randwick Boys' High School

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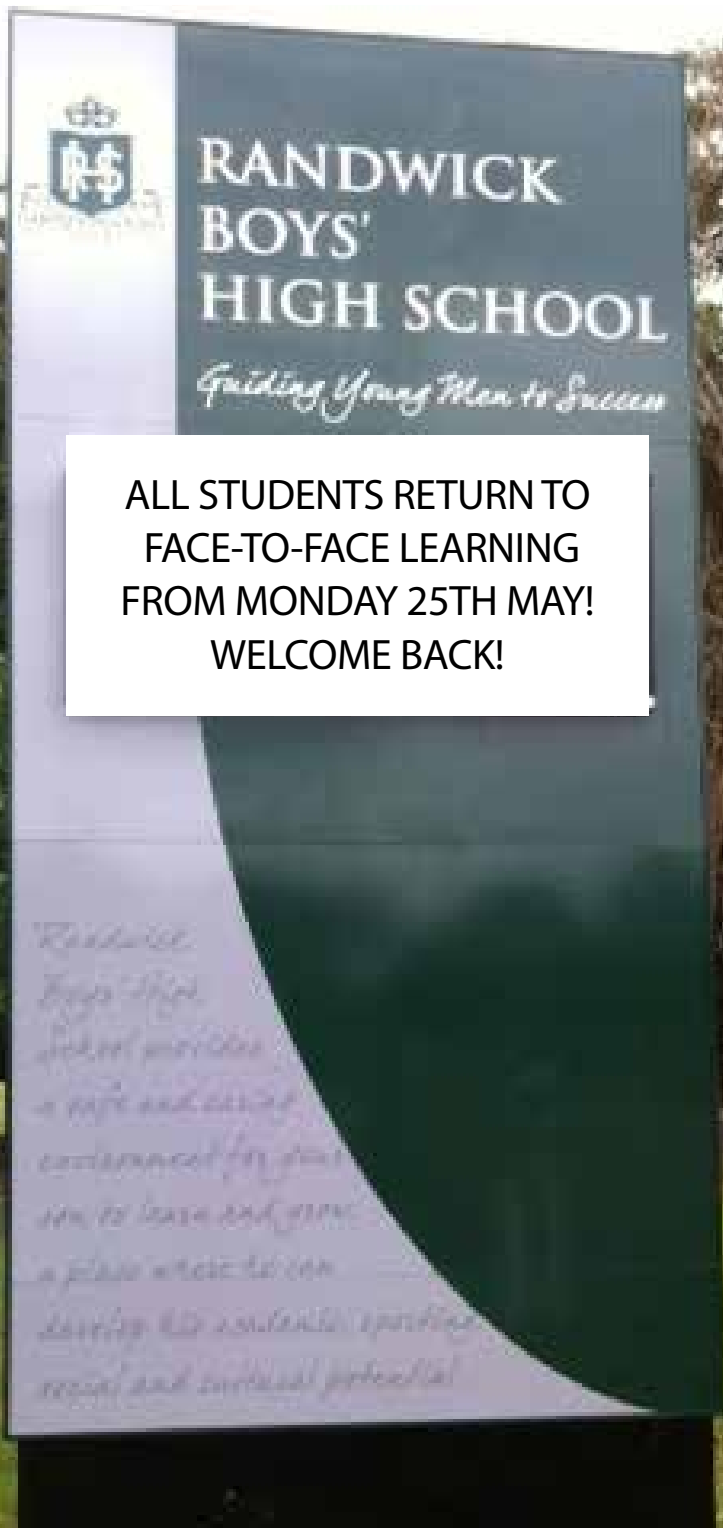
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ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO
FACE-TO-FACE LEARNING
FROM MONDAY 25TH MAY!
WELCOME BACK!

From the Principal

Dear parents and guardians,

We are really looking forward to welcoming all students back to fulltime face-to-face learning as of Monday 25th May.

As previously published, there will be guidelines concerning students and their return. Most of these are contained in the attached document 'This guide is for parents and carers – A Guide to NSW school students returning to face-to-face learning'.

Of particular note is:

What children can do:

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Engage in non-contact sporting activities

Year 11 and 12 students may attend classes/ activities relating to subjects available on other campuses

VET work placement for Year 12 students is able to proceed from 1 June 2020. Year 10 and 11 work-placement is able to proceed from Term 3 2020.

School based apprenticeships and traineeships can recommence once the relevant workplaces are back in operation

Trade Training Centres can operate on school sites.

What students can't do:

School assemblies (unless for critical information)

School incursions and excursions including camps

Work experience

Inter-school activities (debating, inter-school sport)

In-school activities requiring parent or other volunteers

Use hydrotherapy pools

Drink from a water bubbler – bring a water bottle instead

Students cannot attend TAFE for study but may continue to learn online.

These restrictions are outlined in the said document.

At Randwick Boys' HS, we have also implemented other safety and hygiene measures.

These include:

ALL students using the hand sanitiser on the way in to every class. These sanitisers have been issued to all staff

All students washing their hands at the beginning and end of recess and the beginning and end of lunch.

Wiping/washing any shared equipment (TAS classrooms, Science experiments, modified activities in PDHPE and SLR). We have been provided numerous packets of wipes for this purpose.

Additional cleaning is taking place at the school, especially high use areas (doorhandles, railings etc)

Students will be reminded to walk on the left in corridors and eliminate handshakes, high fives etc.

Using common sense regarding bus travel and distancing etc. There is information regarding school bus travel in this newsletter.

Sport on a Wednesday afternoon will also be modified.

Until further notice, ALL year 11 and 12 students will be dismissed following Period 4 on Wednesday afternoons. This means at 12.05pm, each Wednesday, Year 11 and 12 will be instructed to return home and follow their personal physical activity program. If you do not want your Year 11 or 12 son leaving at 12.05 on a Wednesday afternoon, please notify the front office and an alternative will be arranged.

Years 7 – 10 will remain at school on Wednesday afternoons and will participate in modified, non-contact sports. The resumption of unrestricted sport and physical activity is in line AHPPC guidelines and NSW Health advice.

Safety and hygiene at sport

The following hygiene measures will continue to apply to all sport and physical activities in schools regardless of the phase, including once full sporting participation returns:

- Practise good hygiene.
- Staff and students are required to wash their hands prior to and at the conclusion of sport and physical activities. Encourage hand hygiene practices at regular intervals as required.
- Maintain respiratory hygiene whilst participating in sport and physical activity, encouraging coughs or sneezes to be covered and tissues to be disposed of immediately. Always wash your hands after having coughed, sneezed or blown your nose.
- Discourage spitting or clearing of nasal or respiratory secretions at all times. No shining of a cricket ball with sweat/saliva.
- Do not train if unwell. Students are expected to stay away from school or be collected by a parent/carer should they become unwell

during the day. Students should not be participating in sport if they are unwell.

- Do not share items such as drink bottles or towels. Students should provide their own personal items such as water bottles, towels, clothing, mouthguards, etc as required for competitive sporting activities.

- Implement cleaning protocols. All sport and physical activity equipment must be cleaned at the end of each session. Equipment that cannot be cleaned after each use should not be shared.

- Environment cleaning. Standard daily cleans as well as the cleaning of high touch areas should occur within sporting facilities, such as change rooms.

As students return to full time face-to-face learning, sport and physical activity programs will initially focus on non-contact sports. Students can participate in small group sport and physical activities however staff are to continue to maintain physical distance when supervising students during these programs.

Indoor and outdoor non-contact skills training and games are permitted. Sharing of sporting and physical activity equipment (except fitness equipment and weights) is permitted and should follow safe health practice guidelines including cleaning of equipment at the end of the session.

Competitive contact sport or physical activity is restricted:

- Inter-school sport competitions such as zone sport, state wide competitions and knockouts, gala days or inter-school carnivals are not permitted.

- School carnivals such as athletics, cross country and swimming carnivals are not permitted.

- Full contact and semi-contact sports are not permitted, this includes Rugby, Soccer, Basketball and Netball.

- Skills-based drills and challenges, fitness activities and modified small-sided activities can be utilised as an option.

I know you are all eager to have information provided regarding other events that traditionally take place at our school; Half-Yearly (Semester 1 Reports), Parent/Teacher night, P & C Meetings, half-yearly exams, annual Canberra snow/Ski excursion etc.

As stated, at this stage, no excursions are permitted to take place. The 2020 Canberra ski/snow excursion has been cancelled. Ms Douglas has contacted parents regarding refunds etc.

Much to the delight of most students, there will be no half-yearly exams in 2020. There will be yearly exams and these results will be reported in the yearly reports.

P & C meetings are not being held at the moment. I know the

P & C have investigated the possibility of online meetings; however, there are non-school based P & C guidelines that restrict such an avenue.

At this stage, Parent/Teacher evenings are not permitted. Should this change, we will discuss and inform parents.

Half-Yearly reports. Year 11 and 12 Half-Yearly reports will be issued as normal.

Year 7 – 10 will receive a modified school report. The report will not include a mark or rank. It will focus on the learning that has taken place so far this year, which includes individual student's progress and achievement of the learning provided both at school and at home. Please note this is for Semester One only. Semester Two reports will include marks and ranks for coursework completed throughout the year.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge our outstanding staff who have 'pivoted perfectly' during these Covid-19 times. Many staff have learnt various programs to ensure Distance Learning content is taught and learnt in an engaging, relevant and lasting way. Sentral, Teams, Zoom etc are new platforms for many staff and also for many students. Whilst there was no obligation to use these platforms, many staff have done so for our students. Staff have worked extremely hard to create, publish and mark student coursework and progress. I am an extremely proud Principal to be the Principal teacher of Randwick Boys' High, leading such a dedicated, passionate and capable group of teachers who always have the best interests of their students at the forefront of everything that they do.

Many parents, guardians and students have expressed their thanks to our school during these times. To those parents, guardians and students, thank you. We really do appreciate your kind words.

There has been a small number of parents and guardians who have questioned and disagreed with what we have done as a school and I would like to acknowledge their opinions and inform them that we have done 'our best'.

Lastly, to all of you who have supported the Distance Learning of your son/s, thank you. These were interesting times and you also need to know that, as a staff and school, we thank you for your efforts. Many of you have worked from home, supported your son and other children whilst maintaining what you usually do on top. We applaud you for all that you have done to support your son/s.

We look forward to Monday 25th and welcoming back all students to face-to-face schooling.

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L Raskall
Principal



Year 10 Meningococcal Vaccinations

Thursday 18th June

School Hall

Consent forms were distributed to students on Tuesday 19th May. If your son was absent on the day of distribution, he can collect a copy from his Roll Call teacher or the Front Office.

Consent must be submitted to the Front Office by Friday 12th June.

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Year 7 High Potential and Gifted Education Program 2021

Applications for the Randwick Boys' High School Year 7 High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) Program for 2021 are now open.

Due to the return of face-to-face teaching in schools, it can now be confirmed that the test will take place on Saturday 13 June 2020 at 8:45am. All students applying for the HPGE program, including students applying for the Year 8, 9 and 10 programs, will be required to complete a test. All HPGE tests will take place in the RBHS Gymnasium on Saturday 13 June.

To register for the test, please go to the following link: h.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-at-our-school/gifted-and-talented-program.html.

There will be another Zoom Information Session on Tuesday 2 June at 5:30pm. If you would like to register for this, please contact the Front Office on 9399 3122. Please note, if you attended the first session there is no need to attend.



Louise McNeil
Deputy Principal

P&C NEWS



Randwick Boys' High School P&C is a group of parents, carers, staff & community members who work together to provide opportunities for all students at RBHS. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month during school term at 7pm in the Staff Common Room on Level 1 of the Admin building. All welcome!



Coming Up.....

P&C Meetings

16 Jun (tbc)

18 Aug

15 Sep

20 Oct

17 Nov

2019 Office Bearers

President: Birgit Schickinger

Vice President: Sarah Brill

Vice President: Michelle Bradley

Secretary: Suzy Forrester

Treasurer: Leanne Bergan

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Randwick Boys High School P&C



It is National Volunteer Week - an annual celebration to acknowledge the generous contribution made by volunteers.

We acknowledge and give our sincere **THANKS** to the *amazing* volunteers in our Randwick Boys' High School community.



Meeting plans underway



We are encouraged by the latest update from the NSW Department of Education: "Wherever possible, P&C and parent/carer/teacher meetings should be conducted virtually." Based on this, we will start preparing for a P&C meeting after consultation with the School Executive. We are awaiting an update from the P&C Federation around constitutional requirements for voting and therefore AGM/financial matters remain deferred UFN.



"P&C Federation has been working closely with the P&C Federation's constitutional lawyer and the Minister's office since March to progress the amendment to the Prescribed Constitution regarding meetings. The matter is currently with the Department of Education's legal services, and we are awaiting an update. We will communicate this with members as soon as a decision is announced.....We thank our members for their patience and support during these uncertain and challenging times." (21/5/2020)

Duke of Edinburgh News May 2020

Dear Parents and Students,

I hope this message finds you safe and well. Due to the huge impact that the COVID-19 virus has had on individuals, families and our community at large, the Duke of Edinburgh program at our school has come to a sudden stand still. These are very trying times for all of us and I hope the future bodes well.

Earlier this year, many students and their parents decided to register and make payment for their sons to participate in various levels of the program. Unfortunately, things evolved that have been challenging in running and participating in the program. Due to the decision made by the NSW government to limit the spread of the virus, many school activities including: hiking and excursions, are still not possible and may remain so for a very long time. Furthermore due to social distancing and the banning of so much of normal life, many activities such as volunteering, team sports and engaging with a mentor are very difficult to pursue.

To all of you that are wondering and are confused about what comes next with regards to the program, I would like to assure you that things will eventually return to normal. This may occur in the very near future and it is definitely a possibility that we will still be able to complete at least one hiking journey at each level of the program this year sometime soon. In the mean time, you have to make a decision about your/your son's participation.

The Duke of Edinburgh organisation have made many allowances this year in response to COVID 19 that allow participants to complete different components of the program in ways not possible before. These are too numerous to mention here and allow completion of many activities under different rules. I will be discussing these changes with all participants soon. I highly recommend that you stay committed to completing the program- you will get it done. In the worst case scenario, where no hiking is allowed this year and no journeys are undertaken, participants can choose to attempt a higher level next year with no further registration costs.

After discussing the issue with our principal Mr Raskall, the school will allow students, under certain circumstances who have committed and paid this year to withdraw from the program and request a refund. I do urge you to take this course only if your personal circumstances warrant such action. If you wish to choose this course please get in contact with myself, Mr J. Dimopoulos to discuss the matter. If you would like to further discuss any issues or have any questions, please feel free to contacting me.

Regards

Mr J. Dimopoulos

Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator

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Careers News May 2020

HSC & CAREER EXPO'S 2020

Each Year for the past 10 years, all year 12 RBHS students attended the HSC and Career Expo at the end of May or early June. This was organised as a whole year excursion to the Royal Hall of Industries Moore Park. This event is the biggest Career Event in Sydney and is attended by most Government, Catholic and Independent High Schools. The expo is organised to inform students about possible future career directions, HSC subjects and Tertiary training opportunities. There are usually over 150 exhibitors including suppliers of HSC resources, universities, TAFE and training colleges plus 100 seminars on HSC subjects, tertiary courses, career and study advice

Unfortunately this year due to the COVID-19 virus, this event has been cancelled. Disappointing though this obviously is, the event organisers have found a way to assist the thousands of students, teachers and parents who would have attended the 'live' events and in particular the high quality seminar programs. Seminar presenters, have generously produced videos of the seminars they would have presented to assist you and your parents.

I **highly recommend** that you access these online seminars, they are available now.

To access these:

1. [Click this link](https://www.hscandcareers.com.au/seminars) to access the Online Video Seminar Program page on the HSC and Careers Expo website (Link: <https://www.hscandcareers.com.au/seminars>).
2. Follow the instructions, and use the below username and password.
3. Type in the username: **seminaraccess**
4. Type in the password: **Euug853ux** (case sensitive i.e. capital E)

HSC and BEYOND Virtual Careers EXPO

Another very worthwhile event that **should not be missed** that is designed to fill in the gap created by the cancellation of live expo's is the: INSPIRED HSC and BEYOND Virtual Careers Expo. It allows you to virtually connect to UNIVERSITIES, TAFE, NESA, UAC etc.

Visit virtual booths from over 80 University and Higher Education providers!

- Access faculty-specific information.
- Ask live questions or book a video chat with student advisors.
- Attend a live stream lecture — Early Admission information, scholarship applications, and other relevant topics.

Online **Wednesday 27 to Sunday 31 May** and **Wednesday 24 to Sunday 28 June**

Please register using the link <https://inspired.edu.au/hscbeyond/>

Regards

Mr J.Dimopoulos

Careers Adviser



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2020 NSW Adolescent Vaccination Program for Year 10

Meningococcal ACWY Vaccination

Thursday 18th June 2020

Dear Parent/Caregivers,

The NSW Health and NSW Dept. of Education offers all Year 10 students one dose of the Meningococcal ACWY vaccination.

The Meningococcal ACWY vaccine protects against the four strains of meningococcal disease.

A *Parent Information pack* and *Consent Form* was distributed to Year 10 students on Tuesday 19th May. The information pack includes an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement.

To consent to the vaccination of your child, parents/caregivers are advised to:

- Read all of the information provided.
- Complete the consent form.
- Return the completed consent form to the school by **Friday 12th June**.
- Ensure that your child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccinations clinic.

Parents/caregivers who wish to withdraw their consent may do so by writing to the school Principal. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic either as a physical card. The Record of Vaccination will be provided by NSW Health, not the school. Parents/caregivers should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and provide a copy to your local doctor.

If your child is absent for the clinic on Thursday 18th June, they should have another opportunity during term 4 2020 to receive the vaccination, depending upon COVID-19 restrictions at the time.

On **Thursday, 18th June**, the South Eastern Sydney Public Health Unit, will be at Randwick Boys' High School providing the Meningococcal vaccination for **Year 10 students**.

If you would like your son to participate in the NSW Adolescent Vaccination Program, read through the *Parent Information Kit* and complete the consent form.

Your son will need to **return the consent form to the front office by Friday 12th June**.

If you have any questions regarding the vaccinations, please contact school reception on 9399 3122. Alternatively, you can phone *South Eastern Sydney Public Health Unit, Sydney Office* on 9382 8333.

Ms Cassar
Relieving Head Teacher Administration.

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School Photos

The school photos have arrived and will be distributed to students during roll call on Monday 25th May.

If you have ordered a mug, key ring or other merchandise items, please ask your son to collect your order from the Front Office.

If you would like to order a portrait or Year group photo please to go:

www.theschoolphotographer.com.au

and use the following code

Randwick Boys' High School Code - X1128SUP43R

Sports & Small Group Photos

To order your Sports & Small group photo go to:

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Randwick Boys' High School Codes: 20S1128SUP43R

PLEASE NOTE THE CODES ARE DIFFERENT

Payments can also be made over the phone by calling The School Photographer on 9674 9824 to pay by credit card. There is a \$5 processing fee for phone payments.

Any queries regarding the photo packages and payment please contact The School Photographer on 9674 9824.

Orders can be made throughout the year.



RANDWICK BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL

2021 Year 7 High Potential & Gifted Education Program

Randwick Boys' High is pleased to advise that applications for the 2021 High Potential and Gifted Education Program for Year 7 students will be available from **Wednesday, 20th May 2020**.

This is an exciting opportunity for academically gifted students to be part of a specialised learning program. The program offers a stimulating educational experience designed to extend students' skills and talents across all curriculum areas.

A second Zoom information session will be held on

Tuesday 2nd June 2020, at 5:30pm.

If you missed our first Zoom session, please register your interest for our second Zoom information session with the Front Office.

Tel: (02) 9399 3122 Email: randwickb-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Applications are now open and close on Wednesday 3rd June.

Testing date is Saturday 13th June 2020.



Students who wish to gain a position in this exclusive class are required to sit an academic placement test, attend an interview and present a portfolio.

For further information, please contact Ms Louise McNeil, Deputy Principal, or download the information package from our website.

<https://randwickb-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/learning-at-our-school/gifted-and-talented-program.html>

Randwick Boys' High School is a co-operative, caring school with a tradition of academic, sporting and creative achievement.



2019 Highest ATAR

1. 98.5

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**2019 HSC School Ranking
climbed over 160 places.**



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This guide is for parents and carers

A guide to NSW school students returning to face-to-face learning

Information has been updated as at 19 May 2020, until further notice.

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Schools are safe and open for full time face-to-face learning

All schools are returning to full on-campus learning from Monday 25 May. All school activities and operations will be in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines as applicable.

School students do not need to follow physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like:

- Regularly washing hands
- Avoiding sharing drinks or food
- Coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately.



School attendance

All students should be at school unless:

- They have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition
- They are currently unwell.

Students who have a medical certificate to stay at home will be supported to learn from home in line with regular procedures if they are able to. These regular procedures are different to what was offered during the learning from home period. If you require work to be provided to your child whilst they are at home due to an underlying health condition, you should contact the school for assistance.

Please note, students who live with a family member in one of the categories identified as being at increased risk by the AHPPC, should attend school unless a medical practitioner advises otherwise in writing.

If your child is unwell, do not send them to school. If they are unwell at school you or your nominated emergency contact will need to collect them immediately. Please make sure your contact details are up to date.

If a student is absent without a medical reason for more than three days, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and followed up by the school.

If you need any support to get your child back to school, please contact your school.



Reporting and assessment

Your child has been assessed during the learning from home period and will receive additional assessment on their return to school.

You will receive your child's semester 1 report before the end of August (week 6, Term 3).

This may be a simplified version of the report you normally receive. Schools are encouraged to discuss your child's progress with you before the written report is issued.



School activities

Teachers will continue to follow the same school curriculum with the exception of some activities that can't go ahead for now.

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- Drink from a water bubbler – bring a water bottle instead
- Students cannot attend TAFE for study but may continue to learn online.



School cleaning and hygiene supplies

Your school will receive additional cleaning in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Targeted areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas. There will also be additional cleaning of toilets and bubblers and topping up of supplies like soap.

Your school has received supplies of soap, hand sanitiser, toilet paper, paper towels, disinfectant wipes and personal protective equipment. The school is able to order more as needed.



School grounds

There should be no visitors to school sites unless they are essential. Your school can provide guidance as to who is considered essential.

Your school will provide advice on drop off and pick up procedures.

Wherever possible, P&C and parent/carer/teacher meetings should be conducted virtually.

Canteens and uniform shops can open at the discretion of the principal.

Out of school hours care can continue to operate.

Community use of school facilities will recommence only for uses that are necessary for continuation of education and with principal's approval.



Responding to COVID-19 cases

There is a clear plan in place for schools to respond to any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our schools. We are working closely with NSW Health and will communicate with parents if a situation was to arise.

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COVID Safe Transport Plan

Supporting students returning to school

Transport for NSW is working closely with the Department of Education and the education sector and is playing a vital role in supporting students getting back to school.

The NSW Government's policy is to not leave a school student behind.

There are currently no physical distancing restrictions on dedicated school services.

School students will be given priority over other customers on general services, even if this means a service goes over physical distancing capacity.

Adults may have to wait for the next service or may choose to get off if not comfortable with how many customers are on a service.

Parents and carers should make travel choices which suit their individual circumstances, including driving, walking and cycling.

Transport for NSW is here to support our customers with real time information provided through apps, social media and the Transport Info website in order to see which services have space available.

Transport for NSW continues to ramp-up cleaning across the network with a daily focus on high-touch areas like handrails and Opal readers.

Students are reminded to tap on and tap off using their Opal cards on Opal enabled services.

Everyone must remember they have a role to play in making the public transport network as safe as possible.

Our frontline people have been doing an amazing job and we ask everyone to continue to show respect and understanding.



Keep up-to-date with the latest information and advice about novel coronavirus (COVID-19) visit nsw.gov.au
For COVID-19 travel advice, visit transportnsw.info

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