



20th May 2020

Dear students and families,

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

We hope you are well and are looking forward to returning to face to face learning and teaching at our school. The Premier and Minister for Education have announced that 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. Some of the key messages announced include:

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.

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 term. This will 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.

What students can do:

- Use the school library
- 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.

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What students can't do:

- Whole 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
- 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

Our 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. Our school has received supplies of soap, hand sanitiser, toilet paper, paper towels, disinfectant wipes and personal protective equipment.

Students should continue to follow good hygiene and safety practices

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 grounds

There should be no visitors to school sites unless they are essential. We can provide guidance as to who is considered essential. Wherever possible, parent/carer/teacher meetings should be conducted virtually. At this stage, our canteen will be open every day whilst our uniform shop will be open on a Tuesday from 8.00-11.00am.

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.

It is vital that all members of our school community are informed regarding how Warrawong High School will operate from next week, Monday 25th May. As any further information comes to hand, we will communicate our school community's response in ensuring we are complying with all health and safety guidelines as recommended by Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health.

If you require any further additional information or support please feel free to contact the school.

Take care,

Brad Hughes,
Principal Warrawong High School