



Returning to School Fulltime, At School, Face to Face All students, every day.

When are we returning fulltime?

All students at Illaroo Road are returning 5 days a week, face to face from Monday 25th May 2020. Every student, every day.

I don't want my child to return.

All students should be at school unless:

- they have an ongoing medical certificate which states they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition
- They are currently unwell – if your child is sick please keep them at home. If this absence is more than 3 days a medical certificate will be required or they will be marked as an unjustified absence.

Will Learning from Home still be supported by teachers?

Unless you present a Doctor's certificate stating your child must not attend school, teachers will not be supporting Learning from Home. Where your child has an existing medical condition backed by a Doctor's certificate, please contact the school to discuss.

If your child is away because they are unwell, they need to rest. Work will not be provided where the absence is one week or less.

Will they be in their class doing regular school activities?

Yes. All classes will return to their regular routines and teachers. If your child's teacher is away, a casual teacher will take the class as is normal procedure.

Teachers are revising their regular teaching program. A focus on Literacy and Numeracy skills will be a priority for the remainder of Term 2. There will be some areas of content that will not be covered. No child will be disadvantaged and we want to prioritise skills over content. Teachers are working collaboratively to ensure quality teaching and learning continues and is based on student need and syllabus outcomes.

The Library and RFF/Music programs will continue.

We have 4 additional teachers to support the return to school program this term.

Can I enter the school grounds with my child?

No. The decision has been made that for the rest of Term 2, we ask that parents continue to 'kiss and drop' in the morning and follow the regular pick up procedures in the afternoon. **While you are waiting in the afternoon, please keep the recommended 1.5m social distancing as best as possible.** If a parent or carer must come into the school, please report to the office only and enter through the main gates on Illaroo Road.

Teachers will continue to welcome students in the morning and escort them to the gates in the afternoon.

As advised, there should be no additional visitors to the school site unless they are essential. This is about the health and safety of everyone on our school site and we thank families for their support.

Are the bubblers in use?

No. Please ensure your child has a water bottle that can be refilled from a tap. Where students forget their water bottles, we will contact parents and ask that it be brought to the school. We are currently exploring the possibility of water refill stations in the future.

Is the canteen and uniform shop open?

Yes. There are online lunch orders through Flexischools for the canteen. It is not anticipated that over the counter purchases will be made until later in the term. Updates will be made in the weekly bulletin.

The uniform shop is open to fill pre-paid orders only. Parents are not permitted to visit the shop on school grounds yet. Download the order form from the website and send it to school with your child. Please view the school newsletter dated Monday 18th May for more information.

What about social distancing, good hygiene and cleaning?

Parents and teachers need to keep their distance. In classrooms, teachers have looked at ways to support spacing between students. Evidence suggests that there is a low risk of transfer of COVID-19 student to student. Children are regularly directed to wash their hands. Each room has been provided with hand sanitiser as an additional measure. Teachers wipe down computer keyboards after use and the Department of Education has put additional cleaning measures in place for frequently used surfaces.

Will we receive a student report this term?

No. A simplified school report will be sent home to families by the end of August (Week 6 Term 3). It is anticipated that the report will be a single page and discuss Literacy and Numeracy achievement and goals for learning.

We value the assessment and reporting process. While the report will be simplified, the assessment for learning that accompanies it will be rigorous and student focussed.

How do I communicate?

SeeSaw will continue to be used by staff as a way to communicate between school and home. You can also email or phone the school if you need to speak to a staff member.

If using SeeSaw, teachers may not respond on the day of the message due to their teaching load. Teachers have also been directed not to respond to messages outside the hours of 8:30am to 3:30pm. I value my staffs' family time and ask that you do the same.

Remember- if you need a more immediate response, please phone the school between 8:30am and 3:15pm.

Are we back to 'normal'?

I'm not sure what normal is anymore. We are back to full classroom and playground operations. Non-essential adults have been asked to stay off school grounds. We can't organise excursions or incursions at this stage but have lots of fun learning activities planned. Our grounds allow all students to be out together at recess and lunch where they can socialise and be with friends.

We want your child's day at school to be as 'normal' as possible. We are excited to see them and can't wait to get back in the classroom!