

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all staff, students, parents and a special welcome to our new families. I hope 2023 will be a most rewarding year filled with many wonderful opportunities for learning and growth.

New Staff

We also welcome onboard several new teachers to HCS: (Photos pg 2) April Fernandez - Year 1: April is also sharing the Assistant Principal role in K-2

Brooke Teasdale - Year 4

Jordan Dennis - PDHPE & some Primary PE/PDHPE

Julie Storrier & Bodene Colas - who will be working across the whole school

Kelsey Trickey - SLSO Kelsey will be working with our Primary team.

Have a great week

Sandy Ryan



April Fernandez



Brooke Teasdale



Julie Storrier



Jordan Dennis



Kelsey Trickey

Upcoming Dates

Feb 15-Feb 17 Yr. 12 University of **Wollongong Discovery days**

> Wednesday Feb 22nd **Primary Griffith Zone Swimming Carnival**

Secondary Zone Swimming Leeton

Wednesday 22nd Feb **Sentral For Parents Workshop**

> Feb 27- Mar 3 **ACMF**

Wednesday 8th Mar Microsoft Teams Workshop

> Thursday Mar 9 **School Photos**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION OVER PAGE ON PARENT TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS

Hillston Central School acknowledges the Wiradjuri people who are the traditional custodians of the lands on which our school is located. We pay our respects to Elders, past, present, and emerging. We extend our respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island students enrolled in our school. Hillston Central School is committed to honouring Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land, waters and seas.

Improving our communication with our parents K-Yr. 12

Wednesday 22nd Feb at 7pm

HCS is introducing the Sentral Parent Portal (Sentral for Parents) which will eventually phase out our SkoolBaag app as our main form of communication with home.

We will be providing a series of face-toface workshops to help parents become familiar with the new communication software.



Ali Harding will be running training for parents/interested parties on how to use the Sentral Parent Portal on **Wednesday 22nd Feb at 7pm** face to face in the Tech Hub (annex). Also a link will be provided for those who wish to connect from home. The workshop will be recorded and made available on the school website.

'Sentral for Parents' will allow 2-way messaging connecting directly with teachers, the school calendar, student timetables, absentee messages and school reports -meaning you'll always be up-to-date with key dates and events.

As we become more familiar with Sentral for Parents we will introduce more of the features including booking on line for Parent Teacher interviews.

Secondary Parents

Wednesday 8th March at 7pm

Microsoft Teams (MS Teams) is the learning program that our Secondary students use at school.

We will be providing a face to face workshop to help parents understand how to use MS Teams to be able support their child's learning.

Ali Harding will provide face to face training on Wednesday 8th March at 7pm, in the Tech Hub (annex). A link will be provided for those who wish to connect from home. It will be recorded and made available on the school website.

Mobile Library

Wednesday 1st March. Please return any books to the town library or school library

Health Care Plans

If the school doesn't already have any information regarding your child's health issues, please contact the Front Office and you will be given a form to complete.

Nut Allergies

Please be aware that we have students at HCS who have severe allergies to food products, mainly nuts, that may result in serious consequences including hospitalisation. Please consider this when packing your child's lunch—we aim to minimise health risks to all students.

Classroom teachers encourage students to ensure thorough washing of hands and face, and to distance themselves from students with allergies if they bring nut products to school.

ABSENCES & ATTENDANCE

In New South Wales, 'compulsory school-age' means that all children from six years of age are legally required to be enrolled at and attending school until they complete Year 10, and until they turn 17 years of age.

Parents or carers are responsible for making sure that their children comply with these legal requirements. Schools support parents by monitoring student attendance and helping to address attendance issues when they emerge.

Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students to maximise their potential. Should your child be absent from school, please ensure a note is sent with your child to their class teacher (Primary), Year Advisor (Secondary) or front office on return to school, giving reason for absence. Alternatively, you can call the front office at the school to explain the absence or submit a notification on the Skoolbag app. If your child is away for a few days you should try to bring a Doctor's Certificate.

If your child is to be absent for 4 days or more please see the office to obtain an "Application for Exemption" form prior to your departure date. If the absence is for 3 weeks or more parent/guardians must have an interview with the Principal. Parents/Guardian must complete the appropriate forms from the Department of Education and provide a letter explaining the reason for absence.

Arriving Late or Leaving Early – If arriving late students must present at the office. Students are not permitted to leave the school grounds during school hours without written permission or they are collected from the front office by their parents/carer. On the rare occasion that leaving early is necessary, a note signed by a parent/carer indicating reason for early departure should be handed in to the office by 9am.

Hillston Central School Student use of Digital Devices

Phone Free School for students K-12

As of Term 1 2023 handheld technologies ie mobile phones & watches must not be used by Hillston Central School students while on school grounds. For the purpose of this policy, a mobile phone is a device with access to a cellular (telecommunication) system, with or without a physical connection to a network.

HCS acknowledges that parents may wish students to be in possession of mobile phones for reasons relating to their safety when travelling to and from school or for medical reasons.

Students who choose to bring mobile phones to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours. The school has lockers available for hire for students in these situations. The student must take full responsibility for their devices. The school or staff will not be responsible for their loss, theft or damage. Students who bring them to school do so at their own risk.

Exceptions

• students with a health condition documented in the Student Health Support Plan. managing students offsite, this is at the discretion of the excursion coordinating teacher.

Breaches of this policy:

If a student interacts with a device or staff observe a device being used during school time:

- 1st offence = device handed in to office, collect at home time and student up a Level in our behaviour system.
- 2nd offence = hand in to office and parent contacted for a meeting with Executive to collect device and student up a Level in our behaviour system.
- Persistent misuse of devices in school may result in further consequences for students such as revoking the privilege of bringing digital devices onto school property or other appropriate measure as determined by the Executive in line with the school's discipline policy.
- Other disciplinary action will be taken in cases where students have bullied, threatened or harassed other students or staff via a digital device or where the device has been used to take photographs or display inappropriate material. In cases where it is confirmed or reasonably suspected that a criminal offence has taken place, the matter will be handed over to the police.

Parent Responsibility

If a parent or caregiver needs to contact a student at school as a result of an emergency, they are required to call the school's main office on (02) 6967 2277 and a message will be sent immediately to the student. If a student needs to make emergency contact with anyone they are to do so through the school's main office.

Hillston Central School 2023 Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all students on their excellent participation in the whole school swimming carnival last Friday. The day was filled with colour and excitement as students paraded around the pool dressed to impress and intimidate the opposition, with their war cries. Well done to our captains supported by some creative staff members who thought outside the box to address the COVID restrictions placed on chanting and singing in a fun and effective manner.

Well done to our best dressed students, who presented in some great outfits, demonstrating outstanding house spirit. Congratulations to all the students who made an effort on the day.

Thank you to Mrs Taylor who assisted with the race judging, Mrs Jatan and the Year 11 class on a running the canteen and to the staff who worked hard throughout the day to ensure it was a smooth event.

Well done and Congratulations to OXLEY who took out the Champion House for the day and to Kidman who took out the primary section!

Swimming Age Champions

Primary Champions		Secondary Champions			
Boys	Girls	Girls Boys		Girls Boys	Girls
Sub Junior (5,6,7yrs)	Sub Junior (5,6,7yrs)	12yrs	12yrs		
Drew Mullins	1 st Marli-Rae Hutchison		Chantelle Peters		
Junior (8,9,10yrs)	Junior (8,9,10yrs)	13yrs	13yrs		
1 st Daniel Hutchison-Spence	1 st Olivia McKenzie	1 st Jessie Macdonald	1 st Breanna Bartholomew		
11 yrs.	11 yrs.	14yrs	14yrs		
1 st Thomas McDonald	1 st Ebony Taylor	1 st Harrison Bartholomew	1 st Lily Cheatley		
Senior Primary (12,13yrs)	Senior Primary (12,13yrs)	15yrs	15yrs		
1 st Baxter Taylor	Grace Cheatley		1 st Aynslee Dauth		
		16yrs	16yrs		
		1st Noah Bartholomew	1 st Natasha Peters		
		17+yrs	17+yrs		
		1 st Lachlan Keefe	1 st Jordan Bartholomew		

Record Breakers			
New	Event/Time	Old	Event/Time
Ebony Taylor	50m Freestyle 36.00	Vanessa Mott	36.41
Ebony Taylor	200IM 3.49.47	Aynslee Dauth	4.22.32
Tommy Mac Donald	50m Freestyle 39.16	George McKenzie	39.41
Tommy MacDonald	50m Butterfly 51.41	Duncan McMaster	1.03.46
Tommy MacDonald	50m Backstroke 51.56	George McKenzie	56.44
Ebony Taylor	8-10yrs 200 IM 4.08.79	Breanna Bartholomew	4.54.03
Daniel Hutchison-Spence	50m Breastroke 58.54	Harrison Bartholomew	1.00.50

CARNIVAL PHOTOS























BYOD SPECIFICATIONS



Hillston Central School Minimum Specifications

Take this sheet to the store







The BYOD Program requires all students in Years 7-12 to bring their own computing device to school each day. This personal computing device needs to meet the **Device Specifications** that are outlined by the school and listed below.

Device Type Windows Laptop
Operating System Windows 10

Wireless 5GHz 802.11 N or 802.11AC

Screen Size 10"+

Storage Capacity 128GB Hard drive

RAM 4GB

Battery Life 8 Hours

Software Devices must have software or apps that allow for:

- Internet browsing
- Note taking (OneNote recommended)
- Word processing
- Creating spreadsheets
- Creating presentations

Students can download free Microsoft & Adobe software for laptops at Students on the Hub Web Store

Suitable Device Examples



\$344

Acer Aspire A114-31-C014 14-inch Laptop



\$399

HP 14-BS020TU 14" Laptop



\$446

Acer Aspire A114-31-P438 14-inch Laptop

** Device models and prices are sourced from www.harveynorman.com.au (10/4/2018). We have no affiliation with Harvey Norman and products for example purposes only.

EQUIPMENT LIST

The Maths Department have requested that you specifically purchase the calculator pictured to the right. It is a **Casio-82AU Plus II**.

Students are required to bring:

All products listed will be available through the Hillston Newsagency.

All Students

- · 30cm ruler (Not metal)
- · Glue sticks
- · Scissors
- · Calculator (as pictured)
- Lead and coloured pencils
- Pens (red, blue, and black)
- Highlighters
- 8GB USB drive
- Headphones
- BYOD Device



All students are encouraged to use exercise books from 2022 into 2023 for the same subject

Subject Specific Requirements

YEARS 7 & 8

Subject	Books	Special Requirements
English	1x 128pg A4 book	
Mathematics	2x 96pg A4 books	Casio-82AU Plus II
Science	1x 48pg A4 book	
Geography	1x 64pg A4 book	
History	1x48pg A4 book 1xA4 Document Wallet	
PDHPE	1x96pg A4 book	
LOTE	1x 96pg A4 book	
Technology	1x Display Folder	
Music	1x 48pg A4 book	

EQUIPMENT LIST (continued)

YEARS 9 & 10

Subject	Books	Special Requirements
English	1x 128pg A4 book	
Mathematics	1x 120pg A4 books	Casio-82AU Plus II
Science	1x 48pg A4 books	
Geography	1 x 64 A4 books	
History	1x 48pg A4 book 1x A4 Document Wallet	
PDHPE	1x 96pg A4 book	
	ELECTIVE SUBJECTS	
Food Technology	1x 64pg book	
Agricultural Technology	1x 96pg A4 book	
PASS	1x 96pg A4 book	
Industrial Technology Metal & Industrial Technology Engineering	Display Folder	Optional: own safety glasses

YEARS 11 & 12

Subject	Books	Special Requirements
All subjects	1x 120pg A4 books PER SUBJECT	
Mathematics	2x 120pg A4 book (work) 1x 96pg A4 book (theory)	Casio-82AU Plus II Geometry Set

Secondary Uniform—Summer

All students K-Year 12 can be purchased from Lowes in Griffith or Online at the Lowes Website



Primary Uniform—Summer

All students K-Year 12 can be purchased from Lowes in Griffith or Online at the Lowes Website





SPORTS UNIFORM SUMMER AND WINTER Kinder—Yr 12







SALAD IN SANDWICHES SET STUDENTS UP FOR SUCCESS!







Primary Dismissal Time

Primary School finishes at 2:50pm, please pick up children promptly from Moore St. Students who do not travel by bus are required to leave school grounds at 2:50pm. If for any reason you require your child to stay behind until 3:25pm, please contact the Front Office.

If your child travels by bus to and from school they will remain on Slab (play area near basketball courts and sandpit area closest to Moore St.) for supervised play until the bus collects them at 3:25pm.

How to Install SkoolBag

Instructions for parents installing the SkoolBag app.

The SkoolBag school app is the best way for parents to stay up-to-date with the school calendar, last minutes forms, newsletters and all school communications. Get started with SkoolBag in only a few minutes. Just follow these simple steps:

- 1. Download the SkoolBag app
- 2. Create an account
- 3. Add your school



Download the SkoolBag App

Open the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store and search for and install

'SkoolBag'. Create an account





Open the SkoolBag app and Click

'Sign Up'

Enter your email address, create a



password and click on 'Sign Up'

Open the confirmation email and confirm your account





Add your school

Open the app, and Click 'Add/Remove'

Click '+' to add your

school, now you can see your school,



under My Schools & Services





Toasties - Sandwiches **C** HAM, CHEESE, TOMATO TOASTIE \$4.50 PHAM & CHEESE TOASTIE \$4.00 CHEESE TOASTIE \$3.00 Toasties - Turkish Bread **e**#1 HAM,CHEESE ON TURKISH \$5.50 **2**#2 CHICKEN,ROCKET,C.G CAPSICUM,AIOLI \$7.00 **2**#3 HAM, CHEESE, SEMI DRIED TOMATOES \$6.50 **2**#4 CHICKEN, CHEESE, MAYO, ONION \$7.00 **2**#5 TURKEY,CRANBERRY,ROCKET,CHEESE \$7.00 Burgers / Hot Foods **PBEEFBURGER** \$6.00 homemade beef pattie, lettuce, cheese, tomato, beetroot, sauce OCHICKEN BURGER \$8.00 schnitzel breast, lettuce, cheese, mayo OCHICKEN & BACON BURGER as above add bacon \$10.00 **EVEGGIE BURGER** \$5.00 veggie pattie, lettuce, cheese, tomato, BBQ, sauce **<u>e</u>CHICKEN & GRAVY ROLL** \$4.50 **OSWEET CHILLI CHICKEN TENDER** \$1.50 OCHICKEN CRACKLES (6) \$3.60 OPIZZA SINGLE Cheese & Ham or Hawaiian \$3.00 **O**SWEET POTATO WEDGES \$4.00 OPIE LITE'N UP **175 GRAMS** \$5.00 OSAUSAGE ROLL LITE'N UP 120 GRAMS \$3.80 OVEGETABLE PASTIE 165 GRAMS \$4.60 **O**TOMATO SAUCE **30 CENTS**

140 GRAMS

\$4.00

\$3.00

 MINI VEGEMITE ROLL (SMALL) HOT BREAD (CHEESE & BACON) ASSORTED SEASONAL FRUIT HEALTHY FRUIT MUFFIN 	\$1.80 Snack Foods \$1.50
e snack pack	\$3.00 rice crackers, carrot, celery, sweet chilli philly
e POPCORN HOMEMADE FRUIT SALAD	80 CENTS SMALL \$2.00 LG \$4.00
e ADD YOGHURT	SMALL \$2.50 LG \$4.50
e ADD YOGHURT & MUESLI	SMALL \$3.00 LG \$5.00
e RAISIN TOAST 1 SLICE	60 CENTS
O GRAINWAVES 28 GRAMS	\$1.60 Sour Cream & Chives
O CHIPS 28 GRAMS	\$1.60 Plain

OSPINACH & RICOTTA ROLL

ONOODLE CUP Chicken or Beef

Cold Drinks / Icy Poles

e	JUICE POP TOP 100% JUICE 250 ML	\$2.20	orange, apple, apple & blackcurrant
e	MILK - PLAIN 300 ML	\$2.00	
	MILK - FLAVOURED 98.5% Fat Free 300ML	\$3.00	chocolate or strawberry
e	CHILL J 100% Sparkling Fruit Juice 250ml	\$2.40	grape, raspberry, water melon, orange
e	UP N GO LIQUID BREAKFAST	\$3.50	
	WATER 600 ML	\$2.00	
e	BERRI FRUIT JUICE QUELCH / TNT ICY POLE	60 CE	NTS







e	EVERY DAY CHOICE
0	OCCASIONAL CHOICE

Salad Tubs e GARDEN SALAD salad leaves, carrot, cucumber, cheese, tomato e ADD HAM/ FRESH CHICKEN /TUNA	\$5.00 \$6.50
e ROAST PUMPKIN SALAD salad leaves, pumpkin, cucumber, onion	\$5.00
e GREEK SALAD salad leaves, tomato, cucumber, onion, olives ADD FETTA	\$6.00 \$6.50
e SC CHICKEN GARDEN SALAD sweet chilli tenders, salad leaves, carrot,cucumber,cheese,tomato	\$7.50

Sandwiches, Wraps Rolls

All sandwiches on grain bread unless you specified.
Gluten Free bread available,
Other filling options available on request.

SALAD SANDWICH (NO MEAT)SALAD ROLL (NO MEAT)SALAD WRAP (NO MEAT)	\$3.50 \$4.50 \$4.00
e ham salad sandwich e ham salad roll e ham salad wrap	\$4.50 \$5.50 \$5.00
CHICKEN (FRESH) SALAD SANDWICHCHICKEN (FRESH) SALAD ROLLCHICKEN (FRESH) SALAD WRAP	\$4.50 \$5.50 \$5.00
e sweet chilli chicken wrap small large	1075
e ham & cheese sandwich e ham & cheese roll e ham & cheese wrap	\$3.00 \$4.00 \$3.50
eham, cheese, tomato sandwicheham, cheese, tomato rolleham, cheese, tomato wrap	\$3.00 \$4.00 \$3.50
CHEESE, TOMATO SANDWICH CHEESE, TOMATO ROLL CHEESE, TOMATO WRAP	\$3.00 \$4.00 \$3.50
CHEESE SANDWICH CHEESE ROLL CHEESE WRAP	\$2.00 \$3.00 \$2.50
evegemite sandwich ejam sandwich	\$2.00 \$2.00
e tuna & salad sandwich e tuna & salad roll tuna & salad wrap	\$4.50 \$5.00 \$4.00



POSITIVE REWARD SYSTEM















Or 1 x
PRINCIPAL ASSEMBLY
Term Winner





















Includes \$20 VOUCHER







Includes \$50 VOUCHER

STAGE 6
ONLY









No further Levels and the student earns the right to all school privileges. Two Level 1s are permitted in one term. (Must be at least 2 weeks from 1st Level 1) After this, the student would move to Level 2 consequences. A level remains active for 10 full school days.

No further communication slips in the next two weeks after Level 2 and student has earned the right to all school privileges with exception of Reward Days. 3 additional communication slips in a two week period will lead to Level

Students who receive another 3 communication slips in a two week period after Level 3 in the remainder of the term will be considered by the school executive and may be placed on Level 4 - in school suspension.

ADJUSTMENTS – Students with special needs will follow the behaviour flow chart plus automatic referral to LST so a behaviour plan can be devised and implemented - Year Advisor to attend this meeting.

Students with existing behaviour plans will have them implemented at the discretion of the executive/LST at this Level.

Students who receive 3 communication slips in a two week period after Level 4 in the remainder of the term will either repeat Level 4 or move to Level 5 – short suspension. This decision is made by the School Executive.

Continued inappropriate behaviour after a return from suspension will be fast tracked. At the discretion of school staff. The 1st communication slip may result in Level 2 loss of lunch times. 2nd communication slip may result in loss of Level 3 lunch times. A 3rd communication slip will result in a second short suspension or additional in-school suspension.

Continued inappropriate behaviour after a return from long suspension will not be tolerated. The school may seek the exclusion of the student from Hillston Central School.

Fruanting

= Communication Slip

Failure To Attend Detention = Phone call home from

Level 1

3 communication slips in two week period or other (Referred though Executive, or Anti-Bullying Team)

Level 2

2S After

3 communication slips in the next two week period after Level 1 or other (Referred though Executive, or Anti-Bullying Team)

Level 3

3S After

3 communication slips in the next two week period after Level 2 or other (Referred though Executive, or Anti-Bullying Team).

ADJUSTMENTS

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Level 4 – IN SCHOOL SUSPENSION

4S After

3 communication slip in the next two week period after Level 3 or other (Referred though Executive, or Anti-Bullying Team). An In School Suspension where possible, is with an Executive for one full school day.

Level 5 – SHORT SUSPENSION

3 white slips in the next two week period after Level4 or failure to improve on Level 4 behaviours. A Short Suspension carries a one to four day time frame (at Principal's discretion) Students will automatically be placed on Level 5 for directed swearing at a staff member and any breaches of the DEC Code of Conduct – violence, drugs, weapons and persistent disobedience.

Level 6 - LONG SUSPENSION

6S After

After 2 short suspensions, failure to improve behaviour may result in a long suspension for up to 20 school days.
At Principal's discretion.

Level S - Serious Incident Suspension

When a student is suspended immediately for a serious incident, an 'S' will be added to their current level, for example **Level 2S.** The 'S' indicates that the student will complete the full consequences of Level 5, but then continue to work their way through the ordinary levels, retaining an 'S' for each level, for example **2S** is followed by **3S**.

Loss of one whole lunch

citizenship awards. Students can use these awards to attain Bronze, Silver, Gold and Diamond Awards.

Students with great behaviour are acknowledged at Hillston Central School with class, merit and

- Level 1 note sent home
- Loss of three whole lunch times.
- Level 2 note sent home and phone conference with Parent & Year Advisor/Teacher where appropriate
- No attendance at any in or out of school event whilst on
- Loss of four whole lunch times
- Level 3 letter sent home and meeting with Parent/ Teacher/Year Advisor/Executive where appropriate
- No attendance at any in or out of school event for the
- Loss of five whole lunch times
- Level 4 letter sent home
- Meeting with Parent/Teacher/Executive &/or Principal
- No attendance at school for 1-4 days.
- Loss of 5 whole lunch times upon return from suspension.
- RE ENTRY MEETING with Parent/Executive &/or Principal (& teacher involved if deemed necessary)
- No attendance at school for 1-20 days.
- No play for five whole lunches and an Individual Attendance Plan negotiated.
- Meeting with parent/Teacher/Executive/Principal

At any time, movement through the timeline can be accelerated after consultation with the Principal or their delegated representative. All variations to the schedule, including school representation and carnival attendance must go through the Principal.

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COVID-smart measures for schools

Information for parents, carers and students



We know that being together in the classroom is the best thing for our students' learning, growth and welfare. This term we will continue to implement several measures to allow us to prioritise both the wellbeing of our students and a consistent and productive learning environment.



Stay home if unwell

- If your child is unwell, you must keep them at home. If they are displaying COVID-19 symptoms, they should take a COVID-19 test (PCR or RAT) and follow the advice from the NSW Government on managing COVID-19 safely at home.
- Your child should only return to school when they are symptom free.



Vaccinations

- Vaccinations for COVID-19 and other viral illnesses are one of the best ways of protecting yourself, your family and the community. Vaccination is a safe and effective way to give your immune system a helping hand against many illnesses.
- All eligible students and staff are strongly encouraged to keep up to date with their vaccinations to protect their health.
- All staff working in schools for specific purposes (SSPs) are required to be double vaccinated against COVID-19 or hold a valid medical contraindication.



Rapid antigen testing

- Rapid antigen tests (RATs) should be used if your child is displaying COVID-19 symptoms.
- Students who test positive to COVID-19 are encouraged to notify their school and register their positive
 test results with Service NSW to have access to timely advice and support from NSW Health.
- Schools will maintain a reserve stock of rapid antigen tests onsite for surveillance testing purposes in the event of an outbreak.



Hygiene and cleaning

- Students are encouraged to regularly wash their hands with soap and warm water, and to use personal
 protective equipment as required.
- Boosted day cleaning of schools will continue on high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways.



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Ventilation

- Fresh air is the most effective form of ventilation to minimise the risk of transmission.
- During the warmer months, cooling will be used together with ventilation methods to balance thermal comfort.
- All learning spaces in government schools have been checked to ensure appropriate levels of ventilation and air purifiers have been provided where needed.
- Using outdoor spaces will continue to be encouraged where possible.



Masks

- Mask-wearing is strongly encouraged where possible for all students, staff and visitors, particularly
 indoors and/or when physical distancing is not possible, and if they have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Mask-wearing is required at all times for staff, volunteers and other workers who support our students
 who are at greater risk of serious illness should they contract COVID-19, whether they be in schools for
 specific purposes (SSPs), support units or mainstream classrooms.



Visitors

- Visitors can attend school sites regardless of their vaccination status.
- Visitors who are engaging directly with students in certain higher-risk settings for school operations and curriculum delivery and allied health partners for the wellbeing of students, may be required to wear masks.



Activities

- Health and safety risk assessments will be integrated when planning activities, including excursions and overnight camps.
- Parents and carers will be made aware of the risk of exposure and will need to give permission for certain activities.



Responding to local situations

- Schools will work with the department's Health, Safety and Staff Wellbeing case management team to respond appropriately to local situations, including outbreaks of viral illness.
- In some cases, schools may temporarily introduce additional measures as a 'circuit breaker', including requiring mask-wearing, postponing or limiting non-essential activities and directing cohorts to learn remotely.



Learning remotely

 Schools continue to have access to digital, guided and printed learning resources to support students who need to learn remotely.

For more info, visit education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families

Telephone interpreter service

If you need further information please call your school principal. If you need an interpreter to assist you with your enquiry please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. Tell the operator the phone number you want to call, and the operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with the conversation. You will not be charged for this service.



COMMUNITY NEWS

