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COVID-19 UPDATE – RETURN TO FULL TIME SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Many parents will have seen the press conference from the NSW Premier as well as the media releases on Monday evening to indicate that all students would be returning to full time face to face learning from Monday, May 25. The Department has now released information to schools around how we are to manage the return to school and I now write to update you about these circumstances. Please note that these messages are being delivered consistently across all public schools in NSW.

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 Week 2, Term 3.

This may be a simplified version of the report you normally receive. This timeframe means a delay from the initially planned release date for reports.

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 children 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. This means that Macarthur Trade Training Centre classes can recommence in Week 5.
- 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

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
- 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

Elderslie High School has received 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 is also additional cleaning of toilets and bubblers and topping up of supplies like soap.

School grounds

There should be no visitors to school sites unless they are essential. As previously communicated, we encourage parents to socially distance when dropping off and picking up their children.

Sport and PDHPE

With the resumption of full-time face to face classes, Elderslie High School will initially focus on non-contact sports. This is in line with AHPCC and NSW Health advice. Effective hygiene and cleaning protocols will also be maintained in line with Department advice. Interschool sport continues to not be permitted and no carnivals have been permitted to be rescheduled.

Parents of children in Years 7-10 would already be well aware that sport is always held on Wednesday afternoons. When sport resumes in Week 5, it will be with a modified structure due to continued restrictions. This modified mode of delivery will be in place for the remainder of Term 2. Sport will therefore be delivered in the following pattern.

Year 7 & 8 – Weeks 5,7 and 9

Year 9 & 10 – Weeks 6, 8 and 10

In the weeks when a sporting program is not available for students, alternate indoor activities will be provided and students will also be able to use this time to catch up on any incomplete learning from the remote learning period. Normal procedures will continue to apply with regard to the wearing of sports uniform for both sport and PDHPE lessons.

Uniform Shop & Canteen

Our on-site uniform shop will now resume normal operations as follows:

Mondays – 8am -11am

Wednesdays – 2.30pm -5.30pm

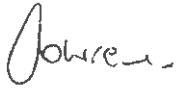
Thursdays – 3.30pm -5.30pm

As we start to experience chilly mornings, we continue to encourage online ordering so that all families are ready with winter uniforms, especially jumpers.

Our canteen also will resume normal operations and will serve breakfast as well as normal recess and lunch menus.

In closing, I would once again like to thank all our families for your support, patience and flexibility in what has been a very difficult time for schools. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our students back next week.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Lawrence', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs J. Lawrence

Principal