

Dear Parents and Carers,

On the 28th April the Premier announced that she:

'...hopes students will get full-time face to face teaching during, and definitely by the end of Term 2'

The move towards a return to normality will be staged, with schools able to configure arrangements to cater for 25% of the student population in a way that best suits the school context from May 11th. For most students this will mean an attendance of one day per week, and then hopefully a progressive expansion of attendance. Parents/Carers and students are reminded that for the first two weeks of school (this week and next), the school will be operational for students who need to attend. Where practical, parents are encouraged to continue keeping students at home doing online learning (Phase 0).

You will note that the 'Phases' listed below have few details beyond phase 1, but we are confident that the preparations we have made will allow us to respond rapidly to government policies as they emerge.

Phase	Time Period	Learning Mode	Student Attendance
0	First two weeks of term	Online	School open, parents encouraged to keep students at home
1	Beginning May 11	Online	Students attend 1 day per week as rostered. Year 12 have an additional arrangement (see below)
2	To be determined	To be determined	Students attend for more than one day. Government yet to announce details
3	Target: at end of term or before	Face to Face	School resumes normal operations

Thank you to those Parents and Carers who completed the short survey emailed this week. It has certainly been a challenging time for all. Thank you very much for all the positive comments and words of support. I also acknowledge that my staff are working incredibly hard to ensure we get the workload balance right and that your child feels supported in their learning. We continue to review and revise our online teaching and learning model and making changes whenever necessary.

Phase 1 Plan (Beginning Week 3 Monday May 11th)

Aim:

- Bring all students back to school 1 day per week minimum in line with Government requirements
- Approximately 25% of students each day
- Maximum support and opportunity for Year 12 students and teachers
- Ensure students have access to a teacher for every subject area
- Ensure 1 unit of work for all whether learning from home or school
- Support staff with the delivery of 1 unit and supervision of students
- Reduce volume of students in large groups in the playground
- Support reduced number of students in classrooms

Purpose:

- Wellbeing for all students
- Learning check in to ensure student engagement and learning support
- Monitor progress and understanding, give feedback

- Connection with peers and subject specific teachers
- Support Year 12 students with HSC requirements and progress

The model from Week 3 onwards is shown in brief in the table below. The attached document will provide you with more detail as to the bell times and the subjects students will be attending when they are onsite and a timetable for offsite instruction.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7	Year 9	Year 8	Year 10	Year 11
Year 12		Year 12		Year 12
BP Senior Advisory	BP Year 9 Advisory	BP year 8 Advisory	BP Year 10 Advisory	BP Senior Advisory
Support Unit – RUBY	Support Unit – OPAL		Support Unit - DIAMOND	Support Unit - JET

The approximate 25% attendance opportunity will be based on year groups. When year groups attend on their rostered day they will be separated into smaller class groups. The rationale for this choice is that we felt it best to keep students connected with their class groups and to ensure more effective subject specific support on their rostered on site school day. Groups will not exceed a maximum of 14 students where possible to ensure we do our best to meet social distancing requirements. We are very fortunate that many of our learning spaces are quite large so we can have larger student numbers in each class if necessary.

Where siblings don't share the same day, they will be welcome to choose which day is most suitable and attend on that day that their sibling is attending. The school will also be open for students of essential workers to attend on any day as required. Students will be staggered in their exit from the school when on site. Students who walk, drive or get picked up will leave at 2.55pm. Students who catch the bus will leave at 3.10pm.

Please note that it is impossible to have the student's regular classroom teacher due to social distancing requirements for students in classrooms and for staff in the staff house. The roster allows for equal subject specific support for every student on the days that they attend over a 2 week cycle.

The success of Phase 1 and the monitoring of the COVID-19 situation, will determine when the school is advised to move to Phase 2 (at least 2 days face to face) and Phase 3 (full time face to face). When these changes are made the timetable will be adjusted.

Regards

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Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

1. What additional cleaning and hygiene procedures are in place for students?

Our cleaners are currently working an extra 2 hours each day. Our cleaners work a morning shift and an afternoon shift. All high touch surfaces are cleaned during these times in addition to their regular cleaning routine. Toilets are cleaned before and after school and between breaks.

2. What provisions have been made for public transport?

All school buses will be running as per the usual timetable. Students who catch the afternoon buses will be asked to social distance themselves whilst they wait for their bus. There will be DP supervision to implement this.

Bus companies are continuing to work with Transport for NSW to ensure vital services keep running for all customers during COVID-19. The health and safety of drivers and passengers is top priority and as such, students are encouraged to maintain hygiene practices, remain cautious of the virus and follow social distancing guidelines when they're on the bus (where possible). Students should always maintain social distance from the bus driver.

Current advice:

If a student is experiencing flu-like symptoms, until they know what type of illness they have, they must stay home and avoid contact with other people. They should not board the bus. Students undergoing 14 days of mandatory isolation should also not board the bus.

3. Will Talented Sports Programs be running?

In the Phase 1 rostered timetable students will have access to a TSP teacher when TSP is scheduled. They will be assisting students with the online work. All TSP external coaches are assisting with the structure and detail of the online lessons. For Phase 1, we are only allowed to deliver 1 unit of work (online learning) to ensure equity for all students whether they are onsite or at home.

4. Do I have to send my child to school on the rostered day?

No, parents do not have to send their child to school on the rostered day if you have any concerns. Your child will not be marked as absent, as long as they continue to engage with the online work and activities set by the class teachers.

5. Does my child still need to complete assessments tasks this term?

For students in Years 7 - 10 there will be no formalised assessment tasks. For Semester 1 reports, teachers will comment on how students have effectively they have engaged with the online work and class activities set. It's important that if your child is having an issue with their technology to please speak with their teacher or their year adviser.

For students in Years 11 and 12, assessments will continue as per their assessment schedule. There have only been some slight changes and students will be notified with an updated assessment schedule ensuring all HSC requirements are being met.

6. Will the canteen be open?

Yes the canteen will be open every day from Week 3. We are hoping to have an online ordering and pay system in place before then. Social distancing will be required of students when lining up. A teacher will be supervising this.