

**#2 (Term 2) Principal Communication 4 May 2020**  
**Implementation of Phase 1 Return to School**  
**Pittwater High School**



As you already know from previous communication, there is a planned phased return of students from next **Monday, 11 May**. This is in line with Phase 1 Return to School model being implemented by the NSW Department of Education.

**Year 12 students are attending school each day including Wednesday**

**Years 7 to 11 students return 1 day per week based on surname:**

- A - D Monday
- E - K Tuesday
- NIL Wednesday
- L - R Thursday
- S - Z Friday

**NB Cabrananga Students** are also attending 1 day a week but modified according to their class. Separate communication has been provided by the Head Teacher, Taysha Fogwill

**The compressed timetable will continue in Phase 1 with a slight variation to the breaks:**

<b>Modified timetable from May 11</b>	
8.00 – 8.45	Period 0 (seniors only)
8.50 – 9.35	Period 1
10 minute break	
9.45– 10.30	Period 2
10 minute break	
10.40 – 11.25	Period 3
30 minute break (Lunch 1 for students at school)	
11.55 – 12.40	Period 4
10 minute break	
12.50 – 1.35	Period 5
30 minute break (Lunch 2 for students at school)	
<p><b>Afternoon activities: Years 7 to 10</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading: a minimum of 30 minutes</li> <li>• Maths Online</li> <li>• Wordflyers</li> <li>• Longer term assignments</li> <li>• Class activities not completed from the morning</li> <li>• Extension work - as provided or of your own design</li> <li>• Exercise</li> </ul>	<p><b>Afternoon activities: Years 11 to 12</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assignments</li> <li>• Edrolo</li> <li>• Class activities not finished from this morning</li> <li>• Additional work set by the teacher</li> <li>• Additional contact with the teacher as arranged to assist eg Year 12 major works</li> <li>• Self-directed learning - subject reading, note taking, summaries, revision, memorising, practice papers</li> <li>• Exercise</li> </ul>
<p><b>Reminder:</b> Week A is week 1 and all odd weeks of term; Week Bs are all the even weeks of term</p>	

**All classes 7-12 will follow their regular timetable with modified bell times and be taught by their regular teacher when at school, while days with Remote Home Learning continues as before.**

## **Expectations to ensure health and safety of all students and staff**

Safety is a priority during the COVID 19 pandemic. Students will be expected to behave in a responsible way, which recognises the importance of protecting the health of themselves, their peers, and staff, who are at higher risk of COVID 19. A few teachers will be working from home due to higher levels of vulnerability to COVID 19.

Students will be expected to:

- Stay home when unwell. Parents must not send students to school if they are feeling unwell. If a student is unwell during the school day, they will not be able to remain in the clinic. Parents will be expected to collect unwell students from school.
- (It would be appreciated if as an additional precaution, students' temperatures are checked before leaving for school)
- Assist in keeping classroom desks and school equipment clean as directed by the teacher
- Engage in regular handwashing, especially before eating during breaks
- Not share drinks or food – bring a water bottle as bubblers will be out of action and only bottle refill stations operating
- Remain 1.5 m apart from other students wherever possible – this can be maintained in the classroom for students in Years 7 – 11 with approximately 25% in attendance each day. All efforts to maximise distancing will occur for Year 12.
- Maintain social distancing in corridors and when queuing – floor markings outside classrooms and in canteen lines have been created to assist
- Bring all their own equipment including pens, calculators, BYOD with charger, glue and anything else needed as there will be NO sharing amongst students or provided by staff
- Cough or sneeze into their elbows if necessary to avoid spreading infection. Avoid touching face.
- Use soap, sanitisers and other health items in a responsible manner – ideal to bring own sanitiser
- Not participate in ball games during break times due to infection risk
- Come directly to school each morning, and after school go directly home – no going via the local shops or park

If we all adhere to these guidelines we can be confident in this phased return to school. In addition, we have hand sanitisers in each classroom. Furthermore, additional cleaning is being undertaken with special attention to cleaning of desks, doorknobs, bathrooms and other surfaces.

**Students who do not adhere to these health and safety requirements will be reminded of our expectations and the school discipline procedures will be implemented.**

## **Transport**

School buses will be running at normal times before and after school.

With period 5 finishing early each day to assist the ongoing concurrent remote Home Learning, students can either be supervised in the school hall at desks OR leave at 1.35.

For students that live a distance from the school who opt to leave at 1.35, parents are encouraged to either pick up their child (please do not enter the school grounds) or assist them to work out public transport. Students should NOT loiter in the local area but go directly home.

## **Uniform**

Students are expected to wear their full school uniform on the days they attend. In the colder weather make sure you purchase items to keep you warm that are part of the uniform (eg long school pants and PHS jackets)

## Canteen

The canteen will operate Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for Lunch 1 only. However:

- Limited food available - pies, sausage rolls, salad rolls, pasta, butter chicken, chicken strips rolls. No nachos.
- To get hot food it will need to be ordered BEFORE school using Flexischools <https://www.flexischools.com.au/>
- Over the counter is limited to some drinks and snacks – but it is CASHLESS so would need a card for payment
- The canteen is only open until 1.00, therefore, unless a senior with a study period, only available for purchases during Lunch 1 at 11.25

Therefore you are encouraged to use Flexischools to assist with choice, payment and social distancing. Alternatively bring your own lunch and snacks.

## Your Q and A

### **Do I have to send my child back to school or do I have the option to continue remote Home Learning?**

*The government and Department of Education are encouraging students to return according to each school's Phase 1 Plan. We believe it is in the interests of students' learning and wellbeing. However it is not compulsory. Please notify the school clearly stating your child's name and year group if you intend them not to return.*

### **Can I change my child's day of attending school?**

*Generally **NO**, to enable us to manage a complex and challenging variation of routine. We have only approved a couple of requests based on very particular circumstances such as accessing learning support.*

### **Can you clarify how students learning will proceed?**

*In Phase 1 all classes are still set up on online learning platforms. Whether at school or at home, students in Years 7 to 11 will be engaging in the online work in class time. On their designated day, students can seek clarification and assistance in class time directly from the teacher. For year 12 students there will be more direct and explicit teaching in the lesson, but work will still available online for students unable to attend.*

### **I have been sending my child to school full time as an essential worker. Can I continue to do this?**

*Yes – this has always been an option. However if this pushes a 7 - 11 class over 10 students then they will be supervised in a different location.*

### **What about camps, excursions, assemblies and band rehearsals?**

*At this stage everything additional to classroom teaching and learning is on hold. Refunds for Year 11 camp and the Year 10 snow trip are currently being processed. We are still holding out that Year 7 camp may proceed later in the year.*

## **One last comment**

We are greatly looking forward to seeing our students attend school – we have missed you.

In the meantime, we have been doing lots of extra work around the school including the main bathrooms being tiled, hallways and classrooms painted, and rooms being recarpeted. So please assist us to keep everything beautiful on your return, including no gum as it wreaks havoc on the carpets.

Until next week,  
Jane Ferris