



A Guide to NSW School Students Returning to Face-to-face Learning Information for Parents and Carers

Dear Parents and Carers,

All schools are returning to full on-campus learning from Monday 25th May. All school activities and operations will be in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines as applicable.

Physical Distancing

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 on-campus learning, please contact the school.

To support students returning to school, a social story has been created. This can be viewed in the SchoolBag app and in this week's newsletter.

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 at a time soon to be advised. This will be a simplified version of the report you normally receive.

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

What students can't do:

- School assemblies (unless for critical information)
- School incursions and excursions including camps
- Inter-school activities (debating, inter-school sport)
- In-school activities requiring parent or other volunteers
- Bubblers – will not be in use. Students are encouraged to bring in and drink from their own plastic water bottle. Water can be accessed from the internal and external taps across the school.

School Cleaning and Hygiene Supplies

Our 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 are cleaned daily. Toilets and bubblers are cleaned 3 times per day – morning, after lunch and after recess, and soap supplies are monitored and topped up by the cleaners several times throughout the day. The playground equipment will be open as of Monday 25th May and will be cleaned every day, twice a day – after lunch and recess by our cleaners.

Our school has received supplies of soap, hand sanitiser, toilet paper, paper towels, disinfectant wipes and personal protective equipment. The school is able to order more as needed. Hand sanitisers and disinfectant wipes are in every classroom throughout the school.

School Grounds

There should be no visitors to school sites unless they are essential. Our school can provide guidance as to who is considered essential.

As the number of people on the school site will increase vastly next week, it is strongly advised that parents do not enter the school grounds unless it is vitally important. Communication should be through telephone calls or through email.

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Email address – concord-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

P&C and parent/carer/teacher meetings should be conducted virtually.

Community use of school facilities will recommence only for uses that are necessary for continuation of education and with principal's approval.

Canteen

The canteen remains closed for the time being. Please ensure that your child has food and drink for lunch and recess each day.

COOSH

Will continue to operate daily from 7am–9am and 3pm–6pm.

Uniform Shop

Orders can continue to be made through QuickCliq.

www.QuickCliq.com.au

New uniforms will be issued to the children to take home.

Drop-off and Pick-up Arrangement

As stated above, the number of people on the school site will increase immensely next week. The Department of Education's guidelines state that staff, parents and carers are expected to continue practising social distancing measures.

Class line-up areas will be spread across the entire playground. This is where the children will meet their teacher at 9am and be dismissed at 3pm (see map attached). Please try to limit your face-to-face conversations with teachers. They are more than happy to take the time to speak with you over the phone or via email, if you have a question or concern.

Years 3-6 Parents and Carers

In order to adhere to the Department of Education's guidelines, parents and carers of students in Years 3-6 are advised not to enter the school grounds during drop-off and pick-up times. Instead, parents and carers are asked to wait outside the school gates. Teachers will be monitoring student movement and assisting where needed, particularly at home time.

K-2 Parents and Carers

Parents and carers of children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 can enter the school grounds at drop-off and pick-up times. However, they are advised not to congregate in or around the school grounds and to practise social distancing at all times. Parents and carers of K-2 students are advised to leave the school grounds promptly after drop-off and pick-up times. Drop-off should be as close to 9am as possible.

On Monday 25th May at 9am, there will be no assembly. The children will be required to line up in their designated area, as shown on the map attached. Please discuss this with your child before Monday. Teachers will be on the playground to assist children find their area.

Road Safety

As expected, our surrounding roads will increase in traffic and congestion. Please adhere to the road rules and be mindful of parking in our neighbours driveways, particularly during the busy drop-off and pick-up times. This will ensure the safety of everyone.

Responding to COVID-19 cases

There is a clear plan in place for schools to respond to any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in all public schools. The Department of Education is working closely with NSW Health and will communicate with parents and carers should a situation arise.

As always, please do not hesitate in contacting the school, if you have any questions or concerns. We have many members of staff on-hand to assist you if necessary.

We look forward to reuniting with all our students on Monday, 25th May at 9am. The day has finally arrived!

Ms A. Vountoulas
Principal
Concord PS



The site plan illustrates the layout of a school campus. Key buildings include the School Hall, Library, Computer Lab, Visitors Toilet, Junior School Building, Senior School Building, Admin, Tuck Shop, and various classrooms (e.g., 1D, 4G, 6/5S, KG, 2T, 1/KZ, 2/1C, 3VM, 5M). Outdoor areas include the Netball & Handball court, Covered Assembly Area, and Field Sports area. Dimensions are provided for many areas, and there are numerous tree symbols scattered throughout the campus.



Line Up, Drop Off & Pick Up Areas - Commencing 25th May – WET WEATHER

