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Term 2 Week 1

Dear Parents, Staff & Students

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope that you all had a pleasant and safe break with time to rest and recharge for the challenges life during a pandemic continues to bring.

Last week the Premier's announcement included information regarding the operation of public schools in Term 2. Outlined below is some communication that will hopefully provide some clarity for you all.

Continuity of education

For the first two weeks of Term 2 (until Friday 8 May), schools will remain operational for students who need to attend. Where practical, parents are encouraged to implement learning from home. This is the same model that was in place at the end of Term 1 (this is Phase 0).

NSW Schools are looking to increase face-to-face teaching through a gradual return to school for students during Term 2. This will initially commence with students attending on one allocated day from week 3, Monday 11 May 2020. Attached to this newsletter is a graph which explains this managed phased approach for returning to school.

Thank you to the Parents/Carers who completed the survey on the preferred option for the Phase 1 managed return to school. The school will finalise arrangements and communicate with families on Monday 4 May 2020. The Phase 1 arrangements will begin in week 3, Monday 11 May 2020 at Alfords Point Public School. I understand that the arrangements may not suit all families; however, I would like to assure you that all decisions will be made with the best interests of the students as our main focus. The school will also continue to adjust our plans based on any new advice we receive from the NSW Department of Education.

Model of learning

Students learning either at home or in school will continue to engage with work provided by their teachers. Schools will plan and communicate time allocation for learning. Practical resources and guides to help students learning from home and school staff teaching from home are available at the Department's Learning from Home Hub.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/learning-from-home/advice-toparentsand-carers>

We again reinforce the message that we understand these are challenging times and only ask that families do their best. The health and well-being of all families is our key priority and we encourage you to aim for a balanced approach to learning at home.

The table below outlines the recommended time allocations for students participating in learning at school or at home. A focus on English and mathematics in primary school reflects the expectation that approximately 50% of the school week is devoted to these subjects. Other subjects make up approximately 30-40% and schools have flexibility in how they implement these subjects. You will note that at this time, the suggested learning time is either 2 ½ or 3 hours for students depending on which stage they are in. Hopefully this is manageable, but we understand that this may not always be possible.

Suggested curriculum requirements for learning from home and school						
EARLY STAGE 1	STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3	STAGE 4	STAGE 5	STAGE 6
TOTAL 2.5 hours + other	TOTAL 2.5 hours + other	TOTAL 3 hours + other	TOTAL 3 hours + other	TOTAL 3.5 hours	TOTAL 3.5 hours	Students in Year 11 and 12 will follow their usual pattern of study.
45-60 mins English	45-60 mins English	45-60 mins English	45-60 mins English	30-45 mins English	30-45 mins English	<p>The requirements for major projects in some practical subjects has changed.</p> <p>NESA will continue to provide updates and changes to major projects and/or assessments for specific subjects.</p>
30-45 mins Mathematics	30-45 mins Mathematics	30-45 mins Mathematics	30-45 mins Mathematics	30-45 mins Mathematics	30-45 mins Mathematics	
30-60 mins Other KLAS: Creative arts, HSIE, PDHPE, SciTech	30-60 mins Other KLAS: Creative arts, HSIE, PDHPE, SciTech	60-90 mins Other KLAS: Creative arts, HSIE, PDHPE, SciTech	60-90 mins Other KLAS: Creative arts, HSIE, PDHPE, SciTech	90-120 mins Other KLAS: HSIE, science, creative arts, languages, PDHPE, TAS	90-120 mins Other KLAS: HSIE, science, PDHPE and electives	
Other activities: wellbeing, sport, physical activity*	Other activities: wellbeing, sport, physical activity*	Other activities: wellbeing, sport, physical activity*	Other activities: wellbeing, sport, physical activity*	Other activities: wellbeing, sport, physical activity*	Other activities: wellbeing, sport, physical activity*	
<p>Notes KLA - Key Learning Area *where social distancing allows</p>						

If you have any questions about accessing work online, collecting packs from school, or other questions, please contact the school by phone or email. It would be appreciated if parents refrained from using the Google Classroom to send messages to the teachers. The Google Classroom is a platform for the students to interact with their teachers.

I would like to thank all families for your support during this incredibly difficult time. I understand that this will continue to be challenging for some families as we work through new routines and structures. We encourage you to continue to abide by the State Government's recommendations of social distancing, minimising the time you are on the school site and communicating with the school via phone or email where possible.

Kindergarten 2021

If you have a child who is enrolling for Kindergarten in 2021 we ask that you submit an enrolment form. Applications can be accessed online at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/translated-documents/enrolmentapplication>

Out of area applications will need to also submit the Out of Area form with their enrolment. All Out of Area applications will be reviewed by the Enrolment Panel as per the Department of Education Enrolment Policy.

Please remind friends, neighbours or relatives that they can commence the enrolment process. Unfortunately, due to current circumstances, new enrolment interviews and the 2021 Kindergarten transition program are currently suspended for Term 2. Further information will be communicated to families once it is available.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is currently closed for face to face shopping; however, Parents/Carers are able to purchase items through online ordering. Please complete the uniform order form and email it to the school. The orders will then be packaged and Parents/Carers advised via email of when and where to collect items.

Canteen Operations

The Canteen will continue to be closed until further notice. Parents/Carers are reminded to ensure students have recess and lunch when they attend school.

Opportunity Class Update

The placement process for opportunity class in 2021, including the Opportunity Class Placement Test, will be delayed until later in the year. As a result, applications did not open on 28 April 2020 as previously advised. The opportunity class placement will still go ahead in 2020; however, the process for that, including the timeline, will look a little different this year. The Department intends to ensure Year 5 students are placed in opportunity classes in 2021 with minimal disruption to schools and families. Revised dates for applications, tests and process changes will be announced as soon as they are confirmed. The Department's Web pages will be updated shortly to reflect this message. Parents are encouraged to continue to monitor the department's website via <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5> to remain up to date with information relating to opportunity classes.

Annette Wein Principal

Attention students wishing to audition for the Conservatorium High School for entry 2021
Applications close June 5th 2020

To apply - go to Con High website and fill out the Expression of Interest
<https://conhigh.nsw.edu.au/2021-entry-application/>

Changes to 2020 Assessment and Audition Schedule

Due to exceptional circumstances brought about by the Covid-19 Virus and the need to ensure that 'social distancing' requirements are scrupulously adhered to, the Conservatorium High School has made some changes in the way it will be conducting this year's assessment and audition process for students applying for entry in 2021.

Auditions will begin in July.

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