

Croydon Park Public School -Students to Return Fulltime Guidelines

Students to return full-time next week

The Premier has announced that all students will return to school five days per week as from Monday 25 May. This brings an element of excitement back to our school community. All classroom teachers are looking forward to welcoming every student back to their classroom every day as of next week. I am also looking forward to welcoming whole school day to day interactions with all students and our staff. Thank you to all our families for your ongoing support that you have given your children during this time of 'learning from home'. It has been challenging however, with great teamwork from home and school, we have managed to have our students continue to engage in their learning. As of next week, our teachers are looking forward to acknowledging where students are up to and building on their current learning.

I would like to congratulate all our teachers for their outstanding efforts in delivering remote learning, providing feedback and also face-to-face teaching during the Phase 1 return to school. It has been a successful return that has prepared us well for the full-time return of students next week.

Please take the time to familiarise yourself with the following information about next week's return to fulltime face- to- face learning at school.

Does my child have to attend school?

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 office for assistance. The Weekly Learning Plans will no longer be produced as students are now expected to learn at school.

Will my child be taught by his/her class teacher?

From Monday all students will return to their normal classes and continue to be taught by their class teacher. All staff are now in a position to return to teaching on site.

What does my child need to bring?

All students will need to bring crunch and sip, recess and lunch. Students will also need to bring a water bottle as the bubblers remain closed. For the classroom, students in Years 1-6 will need a pencil case with a glue stick, scissors, coloured pencils, pens (Years 5-6) and lead pencils.

Where will my child play?

At Croydon Park PS, we have successfully split our recess and lunch breaks to accommodate extra space for Year 3-6 and K-2 students to play whilst keeping safe, well and happy. This includes the following organisation:

Years K-2 Lunch: 10:50am -11:40am **Recess:** 1:40pm -2:00pm

Years 3-6 Recess: 10:30 -10:50am **Lunch:** 12:50pm -1:40pm

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We will continue with this organisation until further notice.

Is the canteen open?

The canteen will re-open as of Monday 1 June. All orders will be taken via pre-payment and use of flexischools. Please use the following link to download app: <https://www.flexischools.com.au/> Further information and canteen menu will be made available to all families next week.

How will we drop off and pick up students?

In the mornings, we will continue with our kiss and drop at the school entry gate on Georges River Road or the entry gate in Seymour Street. All other gates will remain closed during this time. Staff will continue to be at both entry gates to welcome students into the school.

In the afternoons, we will continue to use our gates on Georges River Road and Seymour Street. To accommodate families with siblings, we will now stagger the pick-up times based on house teams:

Students in **Downing** and **Quong Tart** can be picked up at 2:45pm.

Students in **Nelson** and **Pemulwuy** can be picked up at 3pm.

Please note: Years 3-6 students who normally walk home will be permitted to leave the school grounds according to their normal routine at 3pm.

Will before and after school care continue?

Yes, our before and after school care will continue to operate. Gates to enter this service will be closed at 8:30am in the morning and will re-open from 3:30pm in the afternoon.

Will there be extra cleaning at school?

The regular cleaning of desks, floors and toilets will continue with an extra clean of all student and staff bathrooms between the recess and lunch break. Additional cleaning has also been provided to clean high touch points such as handrails, door handles, light switches. All classrooms have supplies of hand sanitiser, soap and disinfectant and the bathroom soap dispensers are being monitored and topped up as required.

Will there be any changes to the daily school routines?

School routine will resume as normal with students lining up in their class lines in the playground as per their normal routine. We will only conduct brief outdoor assemblies for announcements so there will not be any K-2 or 3-6 assemblies in the Hall this term. For the remainder of Term 2, there will be no PSSA sport, excursions, incursions, face to face music tutorials, chess, dance or any other extra-curricular activity at school as per Department of Education Guidelines. Parent volunteers and Scripture classes will not be running this term.

Is the Library open?

Our school library will re-open and students may borrow books as of next week.

What hygiene practices are in place to keep our school safe?

Good hygiene practices for all staff and students like:

- Regular hand washing
- Avoiding sharing food and drinks

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- Coughing or sneezing into elbow, or tissue which is discarded immediately
- All adults (teachers, support staff and parents) maintaining physical distancing measures from each other (1.5m)

A gentle reminder, please only send your child to school if they are well. If they have cold or flu symptoms or appear unwell, then as a precaution we will phone you or your emergency contact to request that you collect your child as per our usual infection control procedures at school.

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 our schools. We are working closely with NSW Health and will communicate with parents/carers if a situation arises.

What if I still have questions or concerns?

Please contact the office on 9797 9753 or email our school croydonpk-school@det.nsw.edu.au More than ever, we are here to support your child's wellness and learning.

Kind regards,

Ms Anastasia Galanos, Principal.