



12th October 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope you are all back into the swing of learning from home for the beginning of Term 4. This term will see a lot of changes as we gradually transition back to face-to-face learning as the Premier announced in the adjusted return to school plan last week. Below are the key dates and details to help prepare you and your family for the return, including some changes in the staged return to school.

Return to school roadmap

During Term 4, students will return to school in a staged approach, with no mingling or on-site activities.

In schools like ours where we have been learning from home for extended periods of time, students will return to face-to-face learning with NSW Health-approved COVID-safe settings on school sites in the following order:

- from 18 October – department preschools, Kindergarten, Year 1
- from 25 October – all remaining year groups.

The return to school roadmap is subject to change depending on advice from NSW Health. You can stay up to date with the most recent information on our Advice for families page.

Mask requirements

When students and staff return to school the following requirements are in place:

- masks are required for all staff and students in Year 7 and above indoors and outdoors (unless exercising or eating).
- masks are strongly recommended for primary students indoors and outdoors (unless exercising or eating).

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Masks are mandatory on public transport. This applies to students aged 13 years and over, and staff when travelling to and from school and during school excursions by public transport or by chartered or private transport services.

Students aged 12 years and over eligible for the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines

NSW Health are urging all students 12 and over to get vaccinated with the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible before returning to school.

There is currently sufficient supply of the Moderna vaccine to community pharmacies and the Pfizer vaccine to General Practitioners. Bookings can be made via the Vaccine Clinic Finder [External link](#). Depending on location, bookings are available within the next few days.

COVID-19 vaccination is the best protection against severe illness and also reduces the risk of spreading COVID-19 to others. Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 now will help to protect both you, your family and our school community.

Wellbeing resources for students and families Please take some time to check out our wellbeing resources for students and families. You'll find useful tools for mental health and wellbeing. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can do anything to help you and your children to prepare for the return to face-to-face learning or if you have any concerns about the return to school.

Thank you again for your continued support during what has already been a fast moving school term. We will be able to provide you with further details about our return to school plan in the next few days via our online school assembly and our social media platforms. In the meantime, stay safe and we look forward as a staff to welcoming your children back to Oran Park High School on Monday 25th October.

Regards,

Brad Mitchell

Principal