



NORTH KELLYVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL


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COVID-19 UPDATE

ALL STUDENTS TO RETURN FULL TIME MONDAY 25 MAY

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1. Call TIS National on 131 450  only between 9:00am and 3:00pm Monday to Friday.
2. State the language that you require.
3. Let the operator know your name and that you need to contact North Kellyville Public School on 8801 1911.
4. A North Kellyville Public School staff member will read this note and it will be interpreted over the phone.

Dear parents/carers/community,

The Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning yesterday confirmed that all students are to return to full time face-to-face classroom learning in Week 5 (Monday 25 May).

When students return from 25 May, some aspects of our normal operations will change. This is to ensure the continued good health of students and staff.

This is a comprehensive update with a substantial amount of information. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with the content enclosed and contact me if you have any queries.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance at school from Monday 25 May is expected. In cases where students are absent from school, parents are to use regular notification channels to explain the absence. Parents can explain absences by:

- Using the SchoolStream absence notification form
- Replying to the text message alert
- Sending a written note upon a student's resumption of attendance
- Emailing the school at northkellyville-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Students may only be absent from school if unwell or on leave approved by the principal.

Consistent, clear, expert medical advice has remained that schools are safe. Students who stay at home out of general concern of infection will be marked on the attendance register as explained/unjustified. Attendance registers are monitored by Department of Education Home School Liaison Officers at regular intervals.

Parents of students with immunosuppression who are concerned about the spread of the virus, or parents who have a condition themselves, should contact me directly to discuss options which will both protect the student's health and wellbeing but facilitate ongoing engagement with the curriculum. Absences for these students may be approved. Documented evidence will be required.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP RESTRICTIONS

Following advice from the NSW Department of Education, parent access to school grounds will be restricted. In the morning parents may use the Kiss and Drop facility on Hezlett Road or use angled parking on Hipwell Avenue to drop off their child/ren. If walking their child/ren into the school, parents will not be permitted beyond clearly marked points. If entering via Hezlett Road, parents may not progress beyond the coloured gate adjacent to the office area. If entering via Hipwell Avenue, parents may not progress beyond the basketball court. Executive staff members will be on duty at these locations to support students if required. Parents accessing before and after school care must access the hall via the southern entry, adjacent to the staff car park.

In the morning...

From 8:30am, students may enter the courtyard. Once inside the courtyard and under the supervision of teachers, students will play until the 8:57am bell, at which time they will be directed to walk straight to their classrooms. Teachers will provide supervision and support of students at each staircase. There will be no morning lines, assembly or other form of congregation.

In the afternoon...

Dismissal will be carefully managed. There will be two in-school collection points where students will meet their parents. Students will rely heavily on parents to communicate their collection location each day. We recommend that parents of Kindergarten students write 'Court' or 'Hezlett' on the back of their child's bag tag with permanent marker to help them remember where to meet.

- Option 1: [Basketball Court](#)
- Option 2: [Hezlett Road Concourse](#)

Parents are asked to observe signage, wait to be invited to collect child/ren and to maintain social distance from one another.

Students who walk home or meet a parent outside the grounds will be dismissed as usual at 3:00pm, while those who catch the bus or utilise Kiss and Drop will continue to be supervised and supported as normal.

GOOD HYGIENE PRACTICES

Students and staff are being reminded of good hygiene practices, including:

- a) **Washing hands regularly** and thoroughly; additional soap is available to students and foaming dispensers have been installed in all toilet blocks. Hand sanitiser and soap outside each classroom are also available as needed.
- b) **Sneezing into elbows or a tissue**, and disposing of the tissue straight away and then washing hands.
- c) **Staying home if unwell.**

Teachers are administering lessons with their home classes about good hygiene.



HIGH TOUCH SURFACES

Surfaces which are frequently touched will be cleaned regularly. This includes technological devices, keyboards and mouses. Our outdoor fixed equipment will not be used.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

Students should bring a pencil case with their own stationery items to reduce the use of shared resources and therefore minimising risk of infection. A supplies guide is available on our website [here](#).

VISITORS LIMITED

Access to the school will be restricted to staff and students. Parents, volunteers, external providers, third parties and the like will be excluded from the site. All enquiries to the school should be made via telephone or email. Parents wishing to discuss matters related to their child's learning should do so

via telephone or email. No on-site interviews will be conducted.

Although parent access will be restricted, we understand that there are times when attending reception might be necessary. Examples of such include dropping off a student who is a late arrival, collecting uniform orders or collecting students who fall ill during the day. When parents must attend reception, we ask that they observe a strict 5 person limit in the foyer.

Community users will continue to be suspended. This includes the school's current group of users: Norwest Table Tennis, North West Chinese School, Pei Ji Chinese School, Thinking Artz, Talent Club, Dancing With Maree, Hills Arabic School, Zumba with Nina, Sydney Academy of Chess and T3 Soccer.

OUTDOOR LEARNING

The spread of germs and infections is less likely outdoors. Teachers will utilise outdoor learning environments where appropriate.

EVENTS CANCELLED

Until further notice, assemblies, inter-school sport, sports carnivals, excursions and camps and extracurricular groups remain cancelled. The planned Stage 2 camp to Collaroy and Stage 3 camp to Canberra will not proceed this year.

TEMPERATURE CHECKS IN SICK BAY

When students attend the sick bay, they will be assessed and if unwell, will be sent home. We have acquired a non-touch thermometer in order to measure students' temperatures. This will support decision-making.

LIBRARY CLOSED

During lunch time, students of all grades are usually welcome to visit the library. Until further notice, the library will be closed at lunch to avoid close contact of students from a range of grades. Borrowing of books is also suspended at the moment. A comprehensive digital library is available to all students through the ePlatform with details in previous Hezlett Happenings newsletters.

ENHANCED CLEANING

We are fortunate to have high quality cleaning staff who thoroughly clean the school each day. Regular morning and afternoon shifts will be maintained, while a midday clean has been added to the daily schedule. Cleaners wipe high-touch surfaces such as railings and door handles multiple times throughout the day. Toilets are cleaned after the recess break each day and again after school.

CANTEEN HYGIENE

Healthy Canteens Australia have confirmed that they are implementing enhanced hygiene practices including the wearing of gloves, washing hands and cleaning surfaces more regularly.

PLAYGROUND GAMES

Students will be prohibited from playing netball, basketball and soccer among other games due to frequent contact between players and touching of the ball. Traditional school yard games such as 'tip' will also be prohibited. Instead, students will be supported to engage in non-contact games and activities.

BUBBLERS NON-OPERATIONAL

Students will not be able to use drinking bubblers until further notice. Instead, all students are asked to bring a drink bottle with water from home. Bottles can be filled up from taps throughout the school as often as needed. Please ensure that bottles are clearly labelled.

TEACHING AND LEARNING OVERVIEW

Throughout 2020 students have been taught by specialist subject-based teachers. This model will continue; however, when students return for full time face to face learning they will remain primarily with their home class teacher for a short period in order to assist in re-acclimatising to the school environment. Over the last month we have welcomed many new students to the school who will also benefit from spending some time with their home class peers. As all students are expected to attend school, we will not be able to provide remote learning plans for students who do not attend. Teachers will not operate a dual mode of delivery.



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HOMEWORK LIMITED

Teachers will not be setting homework other than to communicate an expectation for students to continue to read regularly and engage in online learning platforms such as Reading Eggs and Mathletics.

P&C ACTIVITIES SUSPENDED

The P&C and its functions remain suspended although the Federation of P&Cs is working towards allowing virtual meetings. Further updates will be provided in upcoming Hezlett Happenings newsletters.

STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS UPDATE

Parents will be issued with a Semester 1 report outlining their child/ren's learning progress in the final week of term. This report will be a streamlined document that differs from previous reports and will not contain achievement grades. A full written report containing achievement grades is planned for Semester 2.

FEES / SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Until further notice, the school will not be requesting that parents pay any contributions. It is likely that statements of account for Term 1 amounts owing will be issued later in the term. As always, families experiencing hardship will be supported.

The current COVID-19 situation is unlike any that schools have managed before. I sincerely thank the community for their trust and understanding. The Department of Education continues to work closely with NSW Health to monitor and respond to developments and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students and staff.

We are extremely confident that in working together, the health and wellbeing of our students and staff will be maintained. Please contact me if you have any queries or would like further clarification.

Sincerely,



Tom Moth
Principal
20 May 2020

RESPONDING TO ALLEGED RACISM

Racism and other forms of discrimination are unequivocally prohibited at school. However, we know at times students are not aware of the power of their words and harm that they cause. Students and parents are reminded to report any cases of racism directly to me or the relevant Assistant Principal. The school's Anti Racism Contact Officer (ARCO) is Lisa Ingleton and she will be able to provide support for all students with the aim of her intervention being educative and restoring of potentially damaged relationships.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Wesley Mission has advised that from Monday 25 May they will be able to accommodate the full licence agreement of 150 students per session. They have suspended all permanent bookings. This means that casual bookings must be made for each session. Parents are to use the My Family Lounge application to check bookings.



BEING A COVID-SAFE SCHOOL IS AS EASY AS...

1

WASHING HANDS

Students should wash with soap and water regularly including after each break and before eating. Sanitiser can also be used. Use paper towel to dry hands.

2

KEEPING DISTANCE

Adults are required to remain socially distant. Teachers and other staff members practice social distancing, while parents, volunteers and other visitors may not access the school.

3

DETECTING SIGNS OF ILLNESS

Students who show signs of illness should be referred to sick bay where temperatures will be checked. Students and staff who are even the slightest bit unwell should stay home.

4

NOT SHARING

Normally we love to share. But germs can stay on surfaces. Students should use their own stationery and computers/ipads should only be used by one student per day.

5

KEEPING HANDS AWAY FROM FACES

Touching your face with dirty hands allows germs that cause respiratory infections to enter the body.

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COUGHING AND SNEEZING INTO YOUR ELBOW

If you need to cough or sneeze, do it into your elbow and immediately wash your hands.



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