

COVID-19 update for schools

The following information has been forwarded to public schools today (Friday 5 March):

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect the way we operate our schools as well as across the wider community.

We have now reached over 40 days without community transmission in NSW, and the rollout of the vaccination program is under way. The NSW Government has recently eased restrictions across the state on the advice of NSW Health.

It is still important that we all remain vigilant in implementing COVID-safe practices in our schools and workplaces. Some level of restrictions and guidelines will remain in place for schools for some time.

In adhering to these guidelines, North Kellyville Public School will put in place the following systems as of Monday 8 March 2021:

• **Morning Drop-off**

There will be no changes to our morning drop off routine. Students continue to arrive to school settled and all classes begin working at 9am.

Morning drop off should not occur before 8:30am unless attending OOSH. There is no supervision of students prior to 8:30am.

Parents will continue to drop children at either the kiss and drop on Hipwell Ave, the 'rainbow' gate located next to the office or the pedestrian gate on Thorogood Blvd.

• **Afternoon Pick up**

All students will be dismissed from the courtyard at 3:00pm

Parents are able to enter the school and wait for their child/ren from 2:50pm. Those parents entering and exiting via Hezlett Rd will be able to enter the courtyard via the rainbow gate.

Parents entering via Thorogood Blvd or Hipwell Ave are able to wait for their child/ren on the courts or move up into the courtyard.

If collecting your child/ren from the courtyard, please do not wait directly at the bottom of the stairs blocking the pedestrian flow, as we have quite a number of students who need to utilise them.

All parents and carers will need to continue to follow COVID-safe practices, including social distancing between adults of 1.5 metres.

Once collecting your child/ren it is important that you exit the school promptly.

North Kellyville PS staff will continue to supervise exit points from the school as well as the Kiss & Drop facility on Hipwell Ave.

Please communicate with your child/ren about where they will be collected from in the afternoon. Teachers will supervise students until they are collected. At 3.15pm they will be taken to the office for parents to be contacted.

• **School Activities & Events**

As restrictions begin to ease we will be able to welcome parents/carers back to some of our school activities & events. Some COVID-safe practices and guidelines remain and we will need to adhere to these at all times. As each individual activity or event is planned we will advise what level of attendance is permitted.

Thank you for your ongoing support and flexibility.