

Tuesday 5 October 2021

Hello parents and carers,

Welcome back to Term 4.

Thank you so much for your support throughout remote learning last term. Our whole school community – students, teachers and staff, parents, and carers – have helped our students continue to have the best possible learning experience while supporting the ACT's public health response.

I am pleased to confirm that it is nearly time to return to school and we are looking forward to welcoming your child back. We have missed our students and can't wait to see them again.

From **Monday 25 October (week 4, term 4)**, preschool, kindergarten, and years 1, 2, 6, 9 and 10 can return to on campus learning – for those parents who also have younger children, this is also the date that children can return to **early childhood education and care services**.

From **Monday 1 November (week 5, term 4)**, years 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8 return to on campus learning.

When they return to school, all students will be able to attend their usual out of school hours care programs and school bus services will resume.

As you may know, the Education Directorate recently consulted with students, parents, carers, and staff to better understand their views on returning to campus. We know that people are concerned about health and safety at school. These conversations and insights have been invaluable in shaping a return to campus learning plan that balances public health and safety objectives with the learning and wellbeing needs of students.

To minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmissions we are closely following [the advice of ACT Health and the Chief Health Officer](#). With this guidance, we are developing a COVID-19 Safety Assurance Plan, that details how we will keep our school community safe.

I will write to you again before school returns about how specific health and safety measures will be implemented at our school, including advice about drop off and pick up routines, break times, mask-wearing, hygiene, cleaning, and ventilation.

In the meantime, there is more information available on the Education Directorate's web site with [a list of Frequently Asked Questions](#), or you are always welcome to contact the front office.

Transitioning back to on campus learning means further change for our students. If you or your child are struggling, or need someone to talk to, there is help available. Information



about available support can be found on the Education Directorate website at www.education.act.gov.au/support-for-our-students/wellbeing-support-resources-for-students-and-families. The Telehealth Support Service is also available on 02 6205 1559 between 9am and 4.30pm weekdays.

If your family lives in NSW, outside the [approved 10 postcodes](#) you will need to seek an exemption from ACT Health so that your child can attend school. For assistance with this process, please contact the Education Directorate on 6205 9680 or email EDUSEOFFICE@act.gov.au.

Enjoy the last weeks of remote learning and I look forward to seeing our students back at school soon.

Yours sincerely,
Jacqui Ford
Executive Principal