



## RETURN TO FULL-TIME FACE-TO-FACE LEARNING

Dear parents/carers,

The NSW Government has announced that all schools will return to full-time face-to-face learning from Monday 25 May 2020. All school activities and operations will be in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines as applicable. Please note the key messages below:

- The best outcome for students is that they are back at school.
- Schools continue to be safe and operations are in line with AHPPC guidelines.
- All students are expected back at school unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence.

School students do not need to follow physical distancing guidelines, but should continue to follow good hygiene practices;

- Regularly washing hands
- Avoiding sharing drinks or food
- Coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately.

### **School attendance**

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.

Please note, students who live with a family member in one of the categories identified as being at increased risk by the AHPPC, should attend school unless a medical practitioner advises otherwise in writing.

***If your child is unwell, do not send them to school.*** If they are unwell at school you or your nominated emergency contact will need to collect them immediately. Please make sure your contact details are up to date.

If a student is absent without a medical reason for more than three days, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and followed up by the school.

### **Reporting and assessment**

You will receive your child's Semester 1 report on Friday of Week 10. This will be a simplified version of the report you normally receive, taking in to account learning that was undertaken from home and at school.

### **School activities**

Teachers will continue to follow the same school curriculum with the exception of some activities that can't go ahead for now. During this phase there will be no:

- whole-school assemblies (unless for critical information)
- school incursions or excursions
- inter-school activities
- in-school activities requiring parent or other volunteers (eg. Scripture)

Students are strongly encouraged to bring a water bottle to school and refrain from using the water bubblers where possible.



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### **School cleaning and hygiene supplies**

The school will continue to receive additional cleaning in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Targeted areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas. There will also be additional cleaning of toilets and bubblers and topping up of supplies like soap.

The school has received supplies of soap, hand sanitiser, toilet paper, paper towels, disinfectant wipes and personal protective equipment and we are able to order more as needed.

### **School grounds**

In order to keep our whole school community safe, we are continuing with the *kiss and drop* method for morning arrivals. Parents are requested to drop their child/ren off at the school gates from 8:40 am and refrain from entering the school grounds. Throughout the day, the school gates will remain locked until 3:10 pm, when parents will be let in to collect their child/ren directly from their classroom and then proceed straight home (leave the school grounds).

The Department of Education have advised that there should be no visitors to school sites unless they are essential.

### **Facilities**

Operations of the following facilities will be limited:

- The school canteen is open and operational
- School banking is temporarily ceased until further notice.
- Orders for the school uniform shop can be placed through the school office

At Quakers Hill Public School, it is our priority to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for. We look forward to welcoming all of our students back to full-time face-to-face learning next week. We thank our teachers, support staff, parents and carers who have gone above and beyond to continue the education of our students during the COVID-19 situation. The ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

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