

Coutts Crossing Public School

Newsletter



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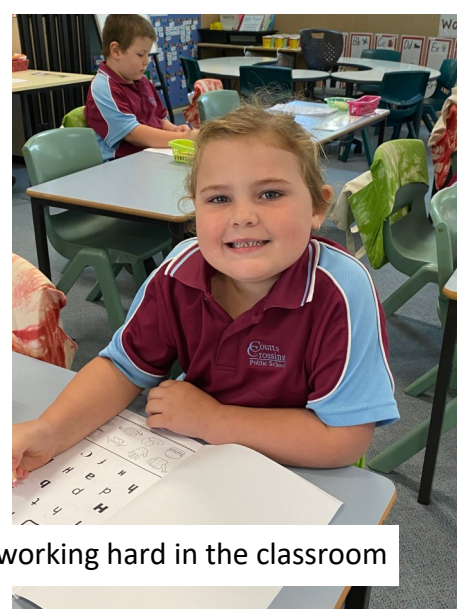
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are all thrilled to be starting the transition to face-to-face classroom teaching this week, with students returning to school one day a week.

After weeks of remote teaching and learning, I understand families are very keen to have our students back in classrooms full time as soon as possible. Be assured, our CCPS staff are all missing their students and are also very keen to return to normal teaching and learning in their classrooms as soon as restrictions allow. Thank you for your ongoing patience and support as we continue to follow the NSW Department of Education's phased plan to get students back into schools in a safe and timely manner.

We are keeping our fingers crossed that all NSW schools will move through the phases smoothly so school life can return to normal as quickly and safely as possible.

Michelle Dalglish



K/1 working hard in the classroom

This Week	Next Week	Coming Up
Phase 1 return to school Monday K/1 Tuesday 1/2 Wednesday 2/3/4 Thursday 4/5/6	Phase 1 return to school Monday K/1 Tuesday 1/2 Wednesday 2/3/4 Thursday 4/5/6	Week 5 onwards - details will be advised when confirmed

Phase 1

As we move into phase 1 of transitioning students back to learning in classrooms, students will attend school one day each week and complete learning at home 4 days a week.

By having students attend school in class groups, teachers will be able to work more effectively completing set classroom activities with their own students. This will also enable students to spend valuable time with their own classroom teacher, receive meaningful feedback about their learning and re-engage with their own peer group.

Students will need to bring their current Learning at Home Pack with them to school on their designated day.

We ask that parents respect the phased return to school model released by the Department of Education and only send their children to school on their designated day, if possible. There will be minimal supervision in place for students of essential workers who have no other supervision options.

Throughout the phased return to school, students will continue to learn remotely with Learning at Home packs on the days they are not designated to attend school.

REMINDER- Canteen will not be operating during the phased return to school. Please send students to school with morning fruit, recess, lunch and their water bottle.

Attendance

Families are encouraged to send their children on their designated day for the next 2 weeks, however, parents may choose to keep students at home and continue remote learning activities 5 days a week. Many families who have an immune-suppressed student or family member may choose to have students working from home while COVID-19 restrictions remain in place.

Students who are engaging with remote learning will continue to be marked as attending in 'Flexible' learning arrangements during the phased return to school. This will not effect their attendance data.

It is very important that families continue to actively engage with classroom teachers and return completed student work to school.

As per Department of Education guidelines, if we do not have any evidence of students completing Learning at Home packs and engaging with learning at home, students will be marked as 'Absent' from school.

Phase 1 timetable- Week 3 & Week 4				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
K/1	1/2	2/3/4	4/5/6	Learning at home
All students have one day of face to face learning in classrooms and four days remote learning at home.				

Semester One Reports

At this stage, Semester One reports will still be issued to families at the end of this term. Due to the changed circumstances faced by students and teachers during COVID-19, student reports will not be written in the usual format this semester.

More information about Semester One Student Reports will be shared with families when available.

ABC Education

ABC TV is running an educational program to assist families while students are learning at home.

Each weekday starts with content for Kindergarten students at 10am. Primary level content will then continue throughout the morning.

<https://www.abc.net.au/tveducation/>



Year 7 2021

Year 6 students planning on attending South Grafton High School in 2021 have the opportunity to apply for a place in the Platinum Class and Self Select program.

Information and application forms are available at the CCPS school office, or call and we can email a copy or send a copy home with learning packs. Applications must be submitted before Friday 29th May.

School jumpers

Pre-ordered jumpers will be sent home in learning packs following receipt of \$30.00 payment. Preferred payment method is online, via the school website-

<https://couthscros-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Click on the 'make a payment' option and follow the prompts. We ask that pre-orders are paid for by Friday 15th May. When orders have been filled remaining stock will be available for purchase at \$38.00 each.



K/1 have enjoyed their first day back in the classroom

COVID-19 procedures

There are a number of guidelines which have to be implemented for the safety of our students and staff.

As part of the phased return to school, there will be additional protocols at school to minimise contact between families and ensure compliance with social distancing expectations.

- Parents are asked to maintain social distancing by avoiding gathering outside school gates or in the car park. When students begin returning to school from week 3, we ask that parents adopt a 'Drop and Go' policy when bringing students to school and wait in their cars to collect students after school. On designated Kindergarten days, there will be staff near entrances to welcome students and escort them into school and after school, Kindergarten students will be escorted to the car park to meet parents.
- Keep your child/children at home if they are unwell on their designated school day. Be contactable by phone if your child becomes unwell during the school day.
- Regular buses will continue to run each day.
- A variety of NSW Department of Education posters have been placed around our school displaying messages to remind everyone of the necessity of washing hands, maintaining a healthy distance, hygiene practices etc.
- Canteen will not be operational at school until all students are in attendance 5 days a week. Please ensure that when your child attends on their designated day, they bring recess and lunch with them.
- We ask that parents continue to contact the school via email or phone rather than attend on site until restrictions have been lifted.
- Students will be encouraged to wash hands regularly and hand sanitiser will be in every classroom.
- Extra cleaning of high contact surfaces such as handrails and door handles will be conducted throughout the day.
- There will be no school assemblies or extra curricula activities until all restrictions are lifted.
- Students are required to wear school uniform to school during the phased return to school.
- Students will be required to bring their own drink bottle for refilling throughout the day as bubblers should not be accessed.
- Social distancing for spacing between all students and staff.
- It is still the case that any staff or students who are considered "at-risk" are not to attend school. This includes people who are sick, present with symptoms of COVID-19 and are awaiting test results, are under 14-day isolation for travel overseas or close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19, and people considered in the "vulnerable" category.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep our school safe.