



Rose Bay Primary School

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Dear Rose Bay Families,

We have been advised of a number of changes that will influence our day to day operations at Rose Bay Public School. I have included excerpts from the advice provided by the NSW Department of Education pertaining to our primary school.

Schools are operating full time while actively following health advice

Schools continue to be safe, and operations are in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health advice. All students should be learning at school unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence.

The activities that are permitted at school will be conducted in a way that is safe and appropriate in the current environment. Those that remain on hold will be reviewed during the term and will recommence when appropriate, based on health and other relevant advice.

School attendance

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 and the expected timeframe
- they are currently unwell.

In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. **Schools will make arrangements for students who present as unwell or have flu-like symptoms to be sent home.**

NSW Health have requested that **schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested** through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics.

Students with flu-like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school.

Schools are not required to conduct widespread temperature screening or mandate the wearing of a mask. Our school will be vigilant when implementing infection control, physical distancing and personal hygiene protocols to protect the health and safety of students and staff. We will promote the need to follow good hygiene practices such as:

- regularly washing hands
- avoiding sharing drinks or food
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately
- filling water bottles from water stations, water bubblers will be closed temporarily.

Latest COVID-19 case locations in NSW

Check the [Latest COVID-19 case locations in NSW](#) and follow the recommended actions if you have been in a location where there have been confirmed cases of COVID-19. We encourage members of the community to monitor this site. Please follow the relevant health advice if you have been at any of the locations at the specified dates and times.

The locations along with the times and dates of when the cases were identified can be found on the [NSW COVID-19 website](#).

School activities/school site usage

Additional safety measures for school activities have been put in place to minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission in schools for the remainder of Term 3.

The following principles underpin these measures:

- Where possible, students will stay within their relevant cohort group (i.e. class, year group, or stage) for all learning activities within their school in order to limit close contacts to the relevant student cohort
- Inter school activities must remain within the local community or zone. This applies to all interschool sport and physical activities, curriculum activities, arts activities and extra-curricular activities organised or sponsored by the school. Schools must not travel outside of their local community area
- Only providers that are essential to the delivery of curriculum can continue to provide services and programs until further notice
- Parents/carers and other non-essential visitors are not allowed on the school site
- All group singing (choirs), as well as the use of wind instruments in group settings, are not permitted. Our Band, therefore will not be able to continue training at our school site
- School graduation or other social events are not permitted. Schools may consider delaying events until later in the year.

Activities/site usage that can take place

- Borrowing from our school library kiosks
- Engagement in sporting activities within restrictions
- Uniform shops can open, but in our school on-line orders can be delivered to students in their classrooms by our office staff. Parents visiting the Uniform Shop must sign in and register their attendance
- School assemblies (limited to 15 minutes and no external visitors)
- Students may attend other schools for essential curriculum related reasons or placements (e.g. auditions or placement tests)
- Incursions/external providers can provide activities that support delivery of curriculum (e.g. music tutors, sport skills development programs, science demonstrations, drama tutors, Healthy Harold)
- Day field trips to outdoor locations with no physical distancing requirements can take place (e.g. DoE Environmental Education Centres and sport and recreation facilities, trips to local river to collect water samples)
- School photos
- Community use agreements involving adult attendance must have a COVID Safe Plan in place
- SRE/SEE lessons within restrictions
- P&C meetings and events must be on-line only
- Parent/teacher meetings will be online unless involving serious matters that require face to face discussion.

Activities on hold for Term 3

The following events will be reconsidered in Term 4. For now, these events must remain on hold:

- Kindergarten orientation
- Year 7 orientation (This has currently been delayed until Term 4)
- School camps
- Excursions (other than field trips explained above)
- Face-to-face professional learning for staff. Refer to the Physical distancing guidelines
- Parent and carer attendance at assemblies and other school events
- Parent and carer volunteers – e.g. parent reading helpers
- School-based activities that involve large gathering of adults. These include parent/community gatherings such as parent functions, working bees, fundraisers, school BBQs, large parent information evenings, and large on-site cultural events
- School-based extra-curricular activities such as dance, choirs, recorder groups.

Activities that are cancelled

- Interschool sport, drama, debating and other events that are not within the local community or zone including gala days and regional sporting carnivals
- Certain large arts and sports events are cancelled or delayed. Many large- scale arts events and sports tournaments rely upon feeder activities and have long-lead time organisational arrangements. As a consequence, a number of annual activities are planned to be delayed or cancelled.

Physical distancing

Physical distancing of students in schools is not required under the AHPPC guidelines.

All teachers, support staff and parents must maintain physical distance from each other (1.5m).

NB Parents should ensure school pick up and drop off arrangements enable them to physically distance from one another and from staff.

School cleaning and hygiene supplies

Our school will continue to receive additional cleaning in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Target 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.

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

Responding to COVID-19 cases

There is a clear plan in place for schools to respond to any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19. We are working closely with NSW Health and will communicate with you if a situation arises.

Yours sincerely,

Gai O'Neill

Principal

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