



Marie Bashir Public School

Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Friday, 27 August 2021, the NSW Premier and Minister of Education announced the plan for students returning to school in a way that is safe for all students, staff and the community. This was an exciting announcement and we are hopeful of the children's staggered return from 25 October. We look forward to seeing them!

The following **RETURN TO SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT** was made:

1. The Department of Education has developed a plan to bring students back in a COVID-safe way while stay at home orders are still in place – ensuring continuity of education, the protection of students, teachers and community.
2. HSC exams will be delayed until November.
3. A staggered return of students to face-to-face learning will begin on Monday 25 October as long as community transmission and vaccination rate requirements have been met.
4. Students will return to face-to-face learning with NSW Health approved COVID safe settings on school sites in the following order:
 - * **From 25 October – Kindergarten and Year 1**
 - * **From 1 November – Year 2, 6 and 11**
 - * **From 8 November – Year 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10.**
5. If stay at home orders are lifted in an LGA or region before 25 October, all students living or learning in that area will return to face to face learning under the Department's COVID-safe schools framework.
6. If cases in certain LGAs increase significantly, learning from home will resume for that LGA until case numbers drop.
7. Vaccinations for all school staff across all sectors will be mandatory from 8 November. NSW Health will be providing priority vaccinations at Qudos Bank Arena for school staff the week beginning 6 September.
8. Students aged 12-15 will also be a priority if they become eligible for a vaccine.
9. All parents who have not been vaccinated are strongly encouraged to get the vaccine as soon as possible.

For the remainder of this term and the first 3 weeks of Term 4, Marie Bashir Public School will continue to operate at Level 4+.

As you are aware, under Level 4 + restrictions parents must keep children of all ages at home unless they cannot be cared for or educated at home. Schools and outside of school hours care (OOSHC) services are open for any child that needs it. Schools will remain open with an absolute minimum of staff.

Correspondence regarding our return will be provided to you once the Level 4 + restrictions are lifted to a Level 3.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school via phone or email if you have any questions.

Once again, I thank you all for your continued support and understanding.

Stay safe!

Regards

Jacqueline Attard

Principal

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