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NARRANDERA HIGH SCHOOL: COVID -19 SCHOOL OPERATIONS

We are greatly looking forward to seeing our students attend school – we have missed you. On your return to school, for Phase 1, these measures are to be in place to ensure the safety of everyone on site.

Maintaining the health and wellbeing of our staff, students and school community is of utmost importance. A phased approach will mean there are a smaller number of students at school each day, providing more space to spread out. It also helps to balance the varied needs of students and staff, their families, personal circumstances and workplaces. The flexibility of the approach means we can also respond quickly to any new spikes in the spread of COVID-19.

Expectations to ensure health and safety of all students and staff

Safety is a priority during the COVID 19 pandemic. Students will be expected to behave in a responsible way, which recognises the importance of protecting the health of themselves, their peers, and staff.

Students are expected to wear full-school uniform to school each day. If families are having difficulty accessing uniform, please let us know and we will assist.

Students will be expected to:

- Attend only on their allocated year group's day/days at school unless there is no other option (e.g. – parents/carers are essential workers) for them to attend on other days.
- Attend school in the designated classes each day. Timetables and classes have been rearranged for Years 7-10 due to the restrictions on numbers in Phase 1. Students will be issued with a new timetable upon their return. This timetable will only be for Phase 1.
- Stay home when unwell. Parents must not send students to school if they are feeling unwell. If a student is unwell during the school day, they will not be able to remain in the sick bay. Parents will be expected to collect unwell students from school.
- Assist in keeping classroom desks and school equipment clean as directed by the teacher.
- Engage in regular handwashing and sanitising especially before and after breaks. Hand sanitiser will be provided in every classroom.
- Not share drinks or food – bring your own water bottle.
- Remain 1.5 m apart from other students wherever possible – this can be maintained in the classroom for students with the reduced numbers and the use of larger learning spaces.
- Maintain physical distancing in corridors and when queuing.
- Bring all their own equipment including pens, calculators, glue and anything else needed as there will be NO sharing amongst students.
- Laptops will be used by one student per day and cleaned daily. It is important that students bring their own laptop if possible. Loan laptops will need to be brought to school.

- Cough or sneeze into their elbows if necessary to avoid spreading infection. Avoid touching face.
- Use soap, sanitisers and other health items in a responsible manner.
- Not participate in ball games during break times due to infection risk.
- Use the canteen responsibly as required -use the physical distancing markers at all times.
- Come directly to school each morning, and after school go directly home – no going via the local shops or park wherever possible.

If we all adhere to these guidelines we can be confident in this phased return to school. In addition, we have hand sanitisers in each classroom. Furthermore, additional cleaning is being undertaken with special attention to cleaning of desks, doorknobs, bathrooms and other surfaces.

Students who do not adhere to these health and safety requirements will be reminded of our expectations and the school discipline procedures will be implemented as required.

Your Q and A

Do I have to send my child back to school or do I have the option to continue remote Home Learning?

The government and Department of Education are encouraging students to return according to each school's Phase 1 Plan. We believe it is in the interests of students' learning and wellbeing. However, it is not compulsory. Please notify the school clearly stating your child's name and year group if you intend them not to return. Students must engage in learning at home otherwise they will be marked as Absent.

Can I change my child's day of attending school?

Generally, no, to enable us to manage a complex and challenging variation of routine. Individual cases where this needs to happen can be negotiated directly with the Principal.

Can you clarify how students learning will proceed?

At Narrandera High face to face explicit teaching will occur on the designated days for each year group. Students are expected to continue learning from home (online or using booklets) on the days they are not attending school.

I have been sending my child to school full time as an essential worker. Can I continue to do this?

Yes – this has always been an option. Please be aware that supervision of online work only will be provided outside the designated days of attendance.

What about camps, excursions, assemblies and sport?

At this stage everything additional to classroom teaching and learning is on hold. These are still deemed unsafe at this point.

Phase 1 Student Attendance Reminder

Wednesday – No scheduled classes - Supervision only provided

Monday - Years 8, 11 and 12

Thursday – Years 9, 11 and 12

Tuesday – Years 7, 11 and 12

Friday – Years 10, 11 and 12

Full school uniform MUST be worn

Kind Regards

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Principal