

Dear parent and carers,

As promised, I am writing with additional information about the return of students to our school campus. First, a reminder about the dates for our phased return.

Commencing 25 October (Week 4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool and kindergarten • Years 1 and 2 • Year 6 • Out of school hours care (OSHC)
Commencing 1 November (Week 5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Years 3, 4 and 5
<i>From weeks 1 to 4 of term, onsite supervision and care continues to be available for vulnerable children and young people whose parents are essential workers.</i>	

Drawing on national and local health advice we have developed a return to school plan which has three key priorities:

- the health and safety of staff and young people,
- the mental and emotional well-being of students and staff, and
- ensuring continuity of learning.

Below is an outline of [ACT Health Guidelines](#) that schools are required to implement to ensure effective COVID-19 measures are in place.

Use of Check in CBR app	All staff and visitors must check in using the 'Check in CBR' app. Parents and carers cannot enter school grounds except for an essential reason. Visitors must call to make an appointment, or in advance of attendance. All visitors must report to the front office.
Student illness	<p>Staff and students who are unwell are not able to attend school. Students who present unwell will be required to go home. Students with COVID-like symptoms will be isolated from students with other illnesses and injury.</p> <p>If you are required to pick up your child from school unwell, please come to the front of the school and ring the office number and your child will be brought to you. Please ensure you are wearing a mask.</p>
Hygiene	Majura will maintain and promote appropriate hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene practices. Students will need to wash hands and use hand sanitisers throughout the day. Students will not be allowed to share food or drink.

Masks	<p>Staff, therapists and contractors must wear a face mask on campus. Students in years 3-6 are encouraged to wear a mask if they are comfortable doing so*. Students in Preschool to year 2 are not required to wear a mask. Masks may not be suitable for students with a disability or medical condition and schools will make allowances for those students not to wear masks. Disposal facilities for masks will be provided.</p> <p><i>* Students who choose to wear masks will be required to supply their own. Masks will be available at school for staff. Disposable masks will be changed every four hours.</i></p>
Physical Distancing	<p>Physical distancing between children and young people is not always possible, particularly in single classrooms and school environments. It is however, important for limiting the transmission of COVID 19. To promote physical distancing we have adjusted learning programs, break times and our timetable, as well as pick up and drop off arrangements. Within the confines of classrooms, teachers are maximising social distancing between students and utilising outdoor learning environments when and where it is practical. More specific information about what this means for your child is included below.</p>
Environmental cleaning	<p>Our school cleaning program includes regular cleaning of high touch services, frequently used objects, and play equipment.</p>
Ventilation	<p>Majura has been assessed to increase fresh air circulation. This has involved changes to ventilation throughout the school and the development of procedures ensuring airflow.</p>
Managing suspected cases	<p>We are prepared to respond to a positive COVID-19 case on campus, should the need arise. ACT Health will provide direction to the school and community, which may result in a full or partial school closure. A student who presents with symptoms of COVID-19 will be isolated with suitable supervision, and parents will be required to collect their child. Symptomatic students will be required to wear a mask. First Aid officers supervising students with suspected cases will be wearing PPE.</p>
Will schools have routine testing for COVID-19?	<p>Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should get tested immediately. ACT Health is not recommending routine COVID-19 testing of children, young people or staff using rapid antigen testing.</p>
Wellbeing supports	<p>Wellbeing and learning supports for students, such as face to face appointments with the school psychologist or access to a Learning Support Assistant, will recommence with the return to school.</p> <p>Private therapists, as part of an NDIS package can be onsite from 25 October.</p> <p>For parents and carers of students with a medical vulnerability: if you wish the school to make reasonable adjustments for the safe return of your child, you must consult a GP and provide medical advice to that effect. Please refer to 'Teaching and Learning' for further information.</p>

To further support the ACT Health Guidelines our school is making the following adjustments.

<p>Drop off and pick up</p>	<p>When picking up students from the locations below, parents and carers cannot enter school grounds (except for an essential reason, with consultation with school staff). Please ensure you wear a mask and respect health guidelines regarding social distancing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Preschool</u> – Grapes and Plums – gate near sandpit. Blueberries and Peaches – gate near front office. • <u>Kinder – year 2</u> – through the side gate between admin building and blue kinder wing. • <u>Year 3</u> – Door closest to basketball court (top of the red corridor) • <u>Year 4</u> – straight into transportables. • <u>Years 5 and 6</u> – through the Irvine Street side door (nearest purple corridor) • <u>Snowpeas</u> - through the side gate between admin building and blue kinder wing.
<p>Hygiene routines</p>	<p>Hand sanitiser and soap will be available in classrooms, hallways and throughout the school. We understand not everyone is able to use hand sanitiser for health reasons. If your child has reactions or sensitivities to hand sanitiser, hand washing facilities with soap are provided, alternately you may provide your child with a suitable sanitiser.</p> <p>Around the school are posters and guides to hand washing, mask wearing and the prevention of spreading germs. Teachers and other staff will remind students to maintain hygiene regularly.</p>
<p>Teaching and learning</p>	<p>We aim to reduce contact between year levels as much as we are able. Classes will do the majority of their learning within their corridor (cohort) or outside where possible.</p> <p><u>Cohorts:</u></p> <p><u>Preschool</u> <u>Blue Corridor</u> – Kindergarten and year 1 Rock Melons and Watermelons <u>Green Corridor</u> year 1 Cool Bananas, Magical Manges and Awesome Appleberries, all year 2 classes <u>Red Corridor</u> – all year 3 classes <u>Transportables</u> – all year 4 classes <u>Purple Corridor</u> – all year 5 and 6 classes</p> <p>Specialist teachers and co-educators will work with year level cohorts where possible.</p> <p>Teaching teams are creating an instructional video detailing information regarding students’ return to school. These will be added to your child’s Google Classroom next Thursday 21 October.</p>

	<p>Band and Choir will continue in outdoor learning spaces, weather permitting.</p> <p>Students with medical permission not to attend school (longer than 2 weeks) (Remainder of 2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In some instances, students will not be able to return to school as a result of a legitimate health concern related to COVID -19. Families will need to provide medical evidence that there is a legitimate reason as to why they are unable to attend school. In these instances, we will work with families to provide a modified learning program. - Feedback on learning completed and returned to school will be given and used for assessment. Virtual instruction will not be provided. <p>Families choosing not to return their students to school -P-2 (Remainder of 2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Families are directed to access the Education Directorate materials via the learning at home website. - Staff will check in with families once a week via Google Meets or via phone. There is no expectation that teachers will mark or provide feedback on learning completed at home and this learning will not be formally reported upon. <p>Families choosing not to return their students to school -Primary 3-6 (Remainder of 2021)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teachers will plan and teach once, placing an English, mathematics and one other curriculum area lesson in the Google Classroom. Students will have access to the material online and can submit this work for feedback. However, other areas of the curriculum will not be provided. - Students learning on site will access this material as well as other learning through on campus learning. There is no expectation that teachers will deliver instruction through Google Meet as occurred when all students were learning remotely. - Wellbeing check-ins will be once a week conducted by a staff member identified at the school.
<p>Break times</p>	<p>Break times have been adjusted to ensure social distancing between students and cohorts. The adjusted break times are detailed below.</p> <p>Kinder-2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break 1 – 11:05am -11:45am • Break 2 – 1:30pm - 2:00pm <p>Year 3-6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Break 1 – 10:30am - 11:00am • Break 2 - 12:50pm - 1:30pm

	<p>Electronic bells will be turned off until further notice. School staff will provide alternate forms of notifications for students.</p> <p><u>Students lining up</u> – Students will congregate at the end of breaktimes at the following locations</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Class</th> <th>Location</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>All Kindergartens 1AG 'Watermelons' 1JB 'Rockmelons'</td> <td>Kinder playground</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1LN 'Cool Bananas' 2JL 'Coconuts' 2LC 'Strawberries' 2JL 'Lovely Lychees'</td> <td>Stephanie Alexander Garden Area</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2KR 'Pineapples' 2RP 'Finger Limes' 1CW 'Awesome Apple Berries' 1NR 'Magical Mangoes'</td> <td>Internal Courtyard</td> </tr> <tr> <td>All Year 3s</td> <td>Outdoor classroom</td> </tr> <tr> <td>All Year 4s</td> <td>Outside transportables</td> </tr> <tr> <td>All Year 5s All Year 6s</td> <td>Irvine St. Playground area</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Snowpeas</td> <td>Kinder door and naturescapes door. Kristy will let families know where their children will be lining up.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Class	Location	All Kindergartens 1AG 'Watermelons' 1JB 'Rockmelons'	Kinder playground	1LN 'Cool Bananas' 2JL 'Coconuts' 2LC 'Strawberries' 2JL 'Lovely Lychees'	Stephanie Alexander Garden Area	2KR 'Pineapples' 2RP 'Finger Limes' 1CW 'Awesome Apple Berries' 1NR 'Magical Mangoes'	Internal Courtyard	All Year 3s	Outdoor classroom	All Year 4s	Outside transportables	All Year 5s All Year 6s	Irvine St. Playground area	Snowpeas	Kinder door and naturescapes door. Kristy will let families know where their children will be lining up.
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Extra Curricular activities	All external provider-run extra-curricular activities have been postponed for the time being. Further advice will be provided if and when regulations change.																
Playground Spaces	<p>Playgrounds will be split between year groups to support cohorting efforts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preschool breaks will be split between classes to limit interactions between the two groups - K-2 & LSU will be playing in the preschool, naturescapes and basketball court areas. - 3-6 will be playing in the Irvine St. playground, naturescapes and basketball court areas. The oval will be available during the second half of lunch (11:25-11:45). <p>Prior to each break time the equipment and high touch surfaces on the playground will be disinfected. Duties and supervision rosters have been adjusted accordingly.</p>																
Before and After School Care	<p>After and before school care will be open. Entry to the service will be through the doors to the hall. Timings for the service have been adjusted slightly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Before school care open from 7:30am K-6 - After school care open from 2:50-6:00pm K-6 <p>Kindergarten after school care will be based in the kindergarten building</p>																
School canteens	The canteen will remain open for use through orders on Flexi-schools only. There will be no over the counter orders.																

We will continue to review and adjust these measures based on the most up to date advice from ACT Health.

Remember, all adults and children aged 12 years and above are eligible for vaccination. If your child is eligible but not yet vaccinated, we encourage you to book them in by calling the COVID-19 vaccination line on 5124 7700 daily between 7am-7pm. Bookings can also be made with some [GP clinics and pharmacies](#).

We understand that there has been considerable change and uncertainty for our students during the pandemic, and as we transition back to school. I'd remind you that you and your child can book an appointment with our Telehealth Support Service on 02 6205 1559 between 9.00am and 4.30pm weekdays. With the return to school, your child will also be able to organise face to face sessions with the school psychologist.

For more information about the return to schools, I'd recommend visiting [the Education Directorate's website](#).

You can keep up to date with the latest health information, advice and resources on the [ACT's COVID-19 website](#).

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and understanding as we return to face-to-face schooling.

We look forward to seeing all our students back at school.

Warm regards,

Liz Bobos

Majura Primary School