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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

On behalf of the staff at DTHS, I would like to thank you for your encouragement and support in the learning for our students back at school as we transition to face to face learning alongside online lessons. It was so wonderful to see students back at school enjoying the company of their friends and working hard to abide by the social distancing and hygiene demands. With the easing of restrictions by the Premier's announcements we are looking forward to returning to school now full time from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

The State Government have declared that all students should return and that school will resume normal teaching and learning with some restrictions. Students are expected at school ready to resume normal lessons. All classes will be taught by their teachers and **Students need to bring back their workbooks and any laptops and chargers loaned out to them.** Computers and chargers should be returned to the front office as soon as students arrive at school.

I have included the guide from the Department of Education about the return to school for students. In summary it states:

- ALL students expected to return unless sick or have doctor's certificate
- Extra cleaning in targeted areas
- No need for social distancing for students but they need to follow good hygiene practices. We will continue to use hand sanitiser as students enter classrooms.
- Some restrictions – no whole school assemblies, work experience, excursions, interschool activities, bubblers – bring a water bottle
- No visitors unless considered important
- Canteen and uniform shop will be open

I personally would like to thank you for your support and understanding as we continue to offer a high quality education to our families in these unusual times. We look forward to reconnecting with our students face to face back in the classroom

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janet Harding', is written over a large, stylized signature graphic that resembles a large, flowing 'J' or 'H' shape.

Janet Harding  
Principal

# A guide to NSW school students returning to face-to-face learning

## This guide is for parents and carers

Information has been updated as at 19 May 2020, until further notice.

## Schools are safe and open for full time face-to-face learning

All schools are returning to full on-campus learning from Monday 25 May. All school activities and operations will be in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines as applicable.

School students do not need to follow physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like:

- Regularly washing hands
- Avoiding sharing drinks or food
- Coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately.

### ***School attendance***

All 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
- They are currently unwell.

Students who have a medical certificate to stay at home will be supported to learn from home in line with regular procedures if they are able to. These regular procedures are different to what was offered during the learning from home period. If you require work to be provided to your child whilst they are at home due to an underlying health condition, you should contact the school for assistance.

Please note, students who live with a family member in one of the categories identified as being at increased risk by the AHPPC, should attend school unless a medical practitioner advises otherwise in writing.

If your child is unwell, do not send them to school. If they are unwell at school you or your nominated emergency contact will need to collect them immediately. Please make sure your contact details are up to date.

If a student is absent without a medical reason for more than three days, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and followed up by the school.

### ***Reporting and assessment***

Your child has been assessed during the learning from home period and will receive additional assessment on their return to school.

You will receive your child's semester 1 report before the end of Week 2 Term 3.

For Years 7-10 this will be a different version of the report you normally receive.

### ***School cleaning and hygiene supplies***

Your school will receive additional cleaning in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Targeted 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.

### ***What children can do:***

- Use the school library
- Engage in non-contact sporting activities
- Year 11 and 12 students may attend classes/activities relating to subjects available on other campuses
- VET work placement for Year 12 students is able to proceed from 1 June 2020. Year 10 and 11 work-placement is able to proceed from Term 3 2020.
- School based apprenticeships and traineeships can recommence once the relevant workplaces are back in operation
- Trade Training Centres can operate on school sites.

### ***What students can't do:***

- School assemblies (unless for critical information)
- School incursions and excursions including camps
- Work experience
- Inter-school activities (debating, inter-school sport)
- In-school activities requiring parent or other volunteers
- Use hydrotherapy pools
- Drink from a water bubbler – bring a water bottle instead
- Students cannot attend TAFE for study but may continue to learn online.

Your 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.

### ***School grounds***

There should be no visitors to school sites unless they are essential. Your school can provide guidance as to who is considered essential.

Your school will provide advice on drop off and pick up procedures.

Wherever possible, P&C and parent/carer/teacher meetings should be conducted virtually.

Canteens and uniform shops can open at the discretion of the principal.

Community use of school facilities will recommence only for uses that are necessary for continuation of education and with principal's approval.

### ***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 in our schools. We are working closely with NSW Health and will communicate with parents if a situation was to arise