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Dear parents and carers

## RETURN TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

I hope you are all well. This note contains information about the coming weeks at our school as we work towards the staged return of students.

The remote learning model recommenced on Wednesday, 29 April similar to the end of last term. Our school remains open for students who need to attend. Supervision will be available for these students and they will engage in the same learning as the students learning at home. Families who are able to keep their children home to learn remotely are asked to please do so to assist us with social distancing. Those students who are unable to learn from home are welcome to attend school.

### TRANSITION BACK TO SCHOOL FROM MONDAY, 11 MAY

As you are aware, NSW school students will gradually transition back to the classroom during this term. The Premier and the Minister for Education have outlined the plan for students attending NSW public schools to progressively return to face to face learning in week 3 of term 2.

On Monday, 11 May our school will move into Phase One of the managed return to school for students. In this phase, all NSW students will attend school one day per week, with approximately 25% of students in attendance on any given day. The Premier has stated that in Phase 1 children should be kept at home except for their 'rostered day' and has asked parents to 'respect the guidelines' that will be established by the school. Please note, this does not apply to those students who need to attend. This plan will continue every week from Week 3 onwards until our school is advised by the NSW Department of Education to increase student attendance. There will be additional cleaning during the day at school and social distancing measures in place.

The website <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families> has been updated and may have information that interests you.

### KINGSGROVE PUBLIC SCHOOL RETURN TO SCHOOL MODEL: A GRADE A DAY

Students are always at the centre of all our decision making. Several models were provided by the Department of Education and each one was considered with the staff, school executive and the Kingsgrove P&C. Listed below are the key considerations that resulted in our school model:

- Ensuring student wellbeing, including positive connections with teachers and students in their class and grade.
- Guided instruction and learning provided by the student's classroom teacher.
- Re-visiting classroom routines and expectations to support transition back to school.
- Ensuring 25% of the school population attend daily as per departmental guidelines.
- Student/teacher ratios to ensure social distancing protocols.
- Smooth transition from Phase 1 to Phase 2 return of students.

Students will attend school with their grade on the following days:

Grade		Day at school	Home Learning
<b>Caroline Street campus</b>	<b>Kingsgrove Road campus</b>		
<b>Kindergarten plus KC support class</b>	<b>Year 5 plus 4/5N class and 3-6S support class</b>	<b>Monday</b>	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 6 plus 5/6K class</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 4 plus 3/4P class</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
<b>K/1B support class</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

- The school remains open for students who need to attend and also for siblings of students attending school on their grade day.
- On their grade day at school students will be taught face-to-face by their class teacher.
- All other students will complete remote learning from home.

**On their designated day:**

- Students must bring their hard copy Learning Packs with them.
- Students should bring their pencil case.
- Students should bring food for crunch and sip, recess and lunch and ensure they have their school hat.
- Bubblers will be closed. Students will need to bring their own water bottles and will be encouraged to refill their bottle throughout the day.

**Please note: Students are not required to bring their devices to school for their day at school.**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION – DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES**

**Drop off**

We are implementing 'Drop and Go/Pick up and Go' before and after school to adhere to social distancing protocols. This means that parents will drop off and pick up their child at the school gate and then leave without entering the school. There is a teacher on duty from 8.30 am, so students will be supervised in the playground.

**Pick up**

At pick-up time in the afternoon, we ask that families arrive as close to 3.00 pm as possible and follow the information below. We ask parents not to enter the school grounds but to wait in an orderly line outside the school gates for their child/ren.

**Years K-2 Caroline Street Campus:**

- Car line pick up procedures will continue. Students will be seated on the silver seats for pick up.
- The Caroline Street and Narramore Street gates will both be open at 3.00 pm. Students will assemble on the silver seats near the gates ready for collection by parents.

- We encourage parents to pre-arrange which gate they will meet their child/ren and wait outside those gates in an orderly line observing social distancing.
- Students will remain seated until the teacher on duty instructs them to greet their parent/carer at the designated gate.
- We ask families to pick up their child and observe social distancing as they leave the school promptly.

#### **Years 3 – 6 Kingsgrove Road Campus:**

- Students will be dismissed at 3.00 pm from their morning lines area. These lines will be marked to ensure social distancing.
- Both gates along Kingsgrove Road will be open (the pedestrian gate closest to the library and the pedestrian gate adjacent to the houses). The Thorpe Road entrance at the back of the school will also be open.
- We encourage parents to pre-arrange which gate they will meet their child/ren and wait outside those gates in an orderly line observing social distancing.
- We ask families to pick up their child and observe social distancing as they leave the school promptly.

**Please be aware that there will be no crossing supervisor on the Caroline Street campus in the morning or afternoon until further notice.**

#### **CANTEEN UPDATE**

Our canteen operator, Mel's Tasty Bites, has advised our school canteens **will operate from Monday, 11 May**. Due to current circumstances there are a number of measures being implemented to allow the canteen to operate.

#### **Years 3-6 Kingsgrove Road Campus:**

- The canteen will **open** in the morning from 8.45 am and close at 2.00 pm at the end of lunch.
- Parents will not be allowed on site to order from the canteen.
- Lunch orders can be placed through **Mel's Tasty Bites online ordering** at the following link: <https://www.melstastybites.com/>
- Lunch orders can be placed in a bag with the **correct money** and given directly to the canteen by your child.
- Families are encouraged to use an account if their child/ren wish to purchase from the canteen at recess or lunch.
- Clearly identified markings are in place inside and outside the canteen to indicate social distancing requirements.
- All lunch order baskets will be cleaned before and after use.
- High touch surfaces will be wiped down during the day.
- Sanitiser has been placed on the canteen bench for students to use.

#### **Years K-2 Caroline Street Campus:**

- The canteen will **not be open** however students will still be able to order their lunch.
- Parents will not be allowed on site to order from the canteen.
- Lunch orders can be placed through **Mel's Tasty Bites online ordering** at the following link: <https://www.melstastybites.com/>

- Lunch orders can be placed in a bag with the **correct money** and given directly to the front office by your child. The Kingsgrove Road campus canteen will prepare student lunches and these will be delivered to student classrooms on the K-2 campus.
- Families are encouraged to use an account if their child/ren wish to purchase from the canteen at recess or lunch.
- All lunch order baskets will be cleaned before and after use.
- High touch surfaces will be wiped down during the day.

Please contact the school if you have any questions or require further information.

I am incredibly appreciative of the support and understanding that we have received from our families during these unprecedented times in education. I know how challenging this has been for our students and their families. I would also like to thank the extraordinary staff of Kingsgrove Public School who have gone above and beyond to learn new modes of lesson delivery and technology platforms when designing and creating new content in a short time period to ensure their students' learning and growth continues.

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