



# Forbes North Public School Newsletter

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL....

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Term 2, 2020! I hope that all our students and their families have had a relaxing, if somewhat unusual, holiday break and all are keen to launch back into Learning in some way, shape or form for this term.

At the end of last term we were operating under what the Department of Education is now calling 'Phase 0' conditions, with the vast majority of students Learning from home with work provided by the school and supported by parents and carers. As term one came to an end it looked like the same 'Phase 0' conditions would be in place for all of term two. ***The good news is this is no longer the case!***

Term two **will commence under 'Phase 0' conditions**, and continue to operate in this way for the **first two weeks** of term. **From Monday May 11<sup>th</sup>** (Week 3) we will move into 'Phase 1' of the "managed-return-to-school". Under 'Phase 1' conditions students will start to return to school for one day per week. The Department have put together a chart which outlines the conditions of all 'phases' 0-4, which is included with this newsletter and which is also available through the School App, on the Department's and school's websites and on our Facebook page.

The Department has advised us that we should look at having about 25% of students returning on any one day of the week, with additional time allocated for staff professional Learning, lesson preparation, and student and family contact on the fifth day. To make this transition as smooth as possible we will welcome the students back in their House Groups. This will allow every child to attend for one day per week, have face-to-face Learning time with their class teacher, and pick-up their 'at-home' Learning packs for the week. It will also allow them to socialise with some of their peers – something we know they have been missing.

Learning packs will still operate on a five day cycle, but won't necessarily be from Monday to Friday. Instead, the packs will have work for Day 1 – Day 2 – Day 3 – Day 4 – Day 5. Packs can then be returned on the students' next day at school.

The days that students in Year 1-6 from each House Group will be expected to be at school are:

Monday – Paterson

Tuesday – Oxley

Wednesday – Lawson

Thursday – Evans

Kindergarten will have a slightly different approach. Because they are a smaller group and because they are less 'independent' and require more face-to-face time with their teacher, the Kindergarten roster will look like this:

Monday – Paterson **AND** Oxley

Tuesday – Paterson **AND** Oxley

Wednesday – Lawson **AND** Evans

Thursday – Lawson **AND** Evans

Please remember that this 'Phase 1' structure **commences in Week 3 of term**. For now we are still in 'Phase 0'. How long 'Phase 1' lasts will depend on advice from the Medical Experts and the Department of Education.

Have a great week!

Steve McAlister

Principal



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## Phase 1 Return to School

### KINDERGARTEN

Students will attend school according to their sporting house groups, **twice** a week from **Monday, May 11**.



Monday

and

Tuesday

*Paterson & Oxley*

Wednesday

and

Thursday

*Lawson & Evans*

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## Phase 1 Return to School

Years 1-6: students to return to school  
**ONE DAY A WEEK** starting from **Monday, May 11**.

Students will attend school according to their sporting house groups.



Monday

*Paterson*

Wednesday

*Lawson*

Tuesday

*Oxley*

Thursday

*Evans*





## PHASE 0

Schools are open for families who need it.

### At all times

- Schools are safe places for students, teachers and staff.
- All students engage with a single unit of work.
- Keep up-to-date with your school's communications to make sure you receive important messages about timetable changes.
- Any identified cases of COVID-19 will continue to be managed in line with health advice, including temporary school closures where necessary.

## PHASE 1

Students at school at least one day per week.

- Schools have discretion for establishing which group attends on which day, with a preference to group siblings/families together.
- Families who need to send their child to school every day may continue to do so and no child will be turned away.
- Classes are split across different spaces and break times can be staggered.
- No excursions or inter-school activities.
- Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.

### You can now

- Send your child/children to school one day a week.
- You are encouraged to keep your child at home for the rest of the week wherever possible.
- Check with your school to see which day of the week your child/children should attend.
- Use the school canteen and uniform shop where appropriate hygiene measures are in place.

### You must continue to

- Follow your school's advice regarding changes to drop off and pick up, including staying in your car when dropping off and picking up your child/children if safe to do so.
- Maintain social distancing by avoiding gathering outside of school gates.
- Make sure your child/children have access to lunch and snacks, noting some canteens may not be operating at this stage.
- Support your child/children to continue learning at home on remote learning days.
- Communicate with your school via email and phone wherever possible.
- Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell.

## PHASE 2

Students at school at least two days per week.

- Schools have discretion for establishing which group attends on which days, with a preference to group siblings/families together.
- Families who need to send their child to school every day may continue to do so and no child will be turned away.
- Classes are split across different spaces and break times can be staggered.
- No excursions or inter-school activities.
- Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.

### You can now

- Send your child/children to school two days a week.
- You are encouraged to keep your child at home for the rest of the week wherever possible.
- Check with your school to see which two days of the week your child/children should attend.
- Use the school canteen and uniform shop where appropriate hygiene measures are in place.

### You must continue to

- Follow your school's advice regarding changes to drop off and pick up, including staying in your car when dropping off and picking up your child/children if safe to do so.
- Maintain social distancing by avoiding gathering outside of school gates.
- Make sure your child/children have access to lunch and snacks, noting some canteens may not be operating at this stage.
- Support your child/children to continue learning at home on remote learning days.
- Communicate with your school via email and phone wherever possible.
- Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell.

## PHASE 3

Students at school five days per week, with social distancing measures.

- Students with increased health risks may continue to learn at home to suit their individual needs.
- Students remain in the same classroom for the day, break times can be staggered to reduce mixing between class groups.
- No excursions or inter-school activities.
- Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements.

### You can now

- Send your child/children to school every day.
- Access community services run on school sites, where they are not restricted by Public Health Orders.
- Use the school canteen and uniform shop where appropriate hygiene measures are in place.
- Walk your child/children into and out of school while maintaining social distancing.

### You must continue to

- Follow your school's advice regarding changes to drop off and pick up, including staying in your car when dropping off and picking up your child/children if safe to do so.
- Maintain social distancing by avoiding gathering outside of school gates.
- Make sure your child/children have access to lunch and snacks, noting some canteens may not be operating at this stage.
- Support your child/children to continue to learn at home if they are required to learn remotely.
- Communicate with your school via email and phone wherever possible.
- Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell.

## PHASE 4

Students at school five days per week, with full school activities.

- Normal school breaks and entry/exit processes will resume.
- Infection control procedures will continue on a school by school basis.
- Communication to staff, students and families regarding NSW Health advice will continue.
- Continued communication to the Early Childhood Education sector regarding NSW Health Advice.

### You can now

- Send your child/children to school every day.
- Participate in school excursions and inter-school activities.
- Use playground equipment at schools.
- Drop your child/children off at school as you would normally do.
- Participate in school based activities such as volunteering in classes and assemblies.
- Use services that usually operate at your school like canteens and other community run activities.

# A managed return to school

Guidelines for families

## FORBES NORTH PS - Term 2 2020

Term 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
1	<b>27 APRIL</b> Staff Development Day	<b>28 APRIL</b> Staff Development Day	<b>29 APRIL</b> <b>Phase 0:</b> Schools are open for families who need it Learning from home	<b>30 APRIL</b> Learning from home	<b>1 MAY</b> Learning from home	2/3 MAY
2	<b>4 MAY</b> <b>Phase 0:</b> Schools are open for families who need it Learning from home	<b>5 MAY</b> Learning from home	<b>6 MAY</b> Learning from home	<b>7 MAY</b> Learning from home	<b>8 MAY</b> Learning from home	9/10 MAY
3	<b>11 MAY</b> <b>Phase 1:</b> Students at school at least one day per week	<b>12 MAY</b>	<b>13 MAY</b>	<b>14 MAY</b>	<b>15 MAY</b>	16/17 MAY
	Kinder: Paterson + Oxley	Kinder: Paterson + Oxley	Kinder: Lawson + Evans	Kinder: Lawson + Evans	Kinder: Essential workers	
	Years 1-6: Paterson	Years 1-6: Oxley	Years 1-6: Lawson	Years 1-6: Evans	Years 1-6: Essential workers	
4	<b>18 MAY</b> <b>Phase 1:</b> Students at school at least one day per week	<b>19 MAY</b>	<b>20 MAY</b>	<b>21 MAY</b>	<b>22 MAY</b>	23/24 MAY
	Kinder: Paterson + Oxley	Kinder: Paterson + Oxley	Kinder: Lawson + Evans	Kinder: Lawson + Evans	Kinder: Essential workers	
	Years 1-6: Paterson	Years 1-6: Oxley	Years 1-6: Lawson	Years 1-6: Evans	Years 1-6: Essential workers	

- Please note the guidelines for families on a managed return to school are subject to change depending on NSW Health advice