

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 you 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.



A Managed Return to School Guidelines for Families

NSW Department of Education

Dear Parents & Carers

From Monday, 11th May 2020, Mount Annan High School will commence Phase 1 of its COVID-19 Managed Return to School for students.

All NSW Public Schools will be operating under the same set of guidelines (see extract left). The main requirements are attendance for one day per week for Years 7 to 10. There are different attendance requirements for Years 11 and 12, information has already been sent out for these year groups. Please read the guidelines below for details around how students will be required to manage themselves when on site at our school.

Please encourage your young people to adhere to these guidelines. Failure to do so could result in them not being permitted to attend. These students would still be able to learn via Google Classrooms from home. If you choose to keep your child at home to learn due to Covid19 you will need to inform the school of your choice so they are marked as 'flexible learning' not 'absent'.

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, who are at higher risk of COVID 19. A few teachers will be working from home due to higher levels of vulnerability to COVID 19.

Students will be expected to:

- 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 clinic. Parents will be expected to collect unwell students from school.
- Assist in keeping classroom desks and school equipment clean as directed by the teacher
- Once you are onsite you stay onsite, as per usual school rules.
- Engage in regular handwashing, especially before eating during breaks.
- Not share drinks or food – bring a water bottle as bubblers will be out of action and only bottle refill stations operating.
- Remain 1.5 m apart from other students wherever possible – this can be maintained in the classroom for students in Years 7 – 12 with approximately 25% in attendance expected.
- Maintain social distancing in corridors and when queuing – some markings have been put in to assist and in classrooms desks have been spaced.
- Bring all their own equipment including pens, calculators, BYOD with charger (where available), glue and anything else needed as there will be NO sharing amongst students or provided by staff.
- 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 – ideal to bring own sanitiser.
- Bring own lunch until we are assured the canteen will be open.
- Not participate in ball games during break times due to infection risk, so maintain social distancing even in the playground.
- Come directly to school each morning, and after school go directly home – no going via the local shops or park.

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. There can be only very limited tolerance of students not willing to comply and parents will be asked to collect students with the possible consequence of suspension as per NSW government guidelines for social distancing.

Transport

School buses will be running at normal times before and after school.

With school for years 7 – 10 finishing after period 4 to assist the ongoing concurrent remote Home Learning, students can either be supervised in the school for lunch OR leave at 1.30pm. Students remaining at school will engage in a wellbeing or physical activity period 5.

For students that live a distance from the school who opt to leave at 1.30pm, parents are encouraged to either pick up their child (please do not enter the school grounds) or assist them to work out public transport. Students should NOT loiter in the local area but go directly home.

Thank you for your co-operation in all matters relating to our return to school. Please stay safe and do not hesitate to contact via phone or email for updates and further clarification.