



# Paterson Public School

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## Return to School, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Dear Families,

I'm sure you have heard by now that all students will return to school five days per week from Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> May. Please find attached the information for parents and carers that has been provided by the Department of Education. Although our online learning platform has been very successful we are very excited to see our students face to face once again.

Although the attached information provides detail, some of the important points to note are as follows:

- All students should return to school five days per week from Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> May UNLESS they have a condition which means it is not safe for them to return to school and they have obtained a certificate from a medical practitioner to confirm this.
- We will no longer provide online learning for students who are at home, although we will continue to use Seesaw and our online tools for learning in class and communication, as we did before students were learning from home.
- Students at school are not required to socially distance, but we will continue to use additional handwashing, regular hand sanitising, and adapt our procedures to discourage large groups in a small area. We also have additional hours of cleaning that will focus on high touch surfaces.
- As always, any child who is unwell should stay at home until they are recovered.
- Semester 1 reports will be simplified, will not include an A-E grade, and will come home later than planned (prior to week 6, term 3).
- There will be no excursions, visiting performances or inter school activities until further notice.
- Parents are asked not to come on to school grounds unless requested to do so by the school. A staff member will be at the gate between 8.30am and 8.55am to convey any messages passed on to your child's teacher. If you arrive after that time and need to provide us with information, or need assistance in any way, please telephone the school and a staff member will come to the gate. In the afternoons, students will be walked to the front gate and across the road. The advice is that parents should avoid congregating in large groups at the front of the school at drop off or pick up, so please ensure that you maintain social distancing guidelines when interacting with other parents and with teachers.

We thank you for your ongoing support and understanding. Please remember that if you have any questions or concerns about any of this information, you can call the school office and the relevant staff member will get back to you as soon as possible.

Sarah-Jane Hazell  
**Principal**

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