

COVID-19 advice for families

School operations in *Greater Sydney

The NSW Department of Education and NSW Health are working together to respond to COVID-19.

Following advice from NSW Health learning from home is in place for schools in *Greater Sydney (includes the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong and Shellharbour). Schools are open for all students who need them. If a student or parent or child has even the mildest [COVID-19 symptoms](#) they must not attend school and must not return to school until they have received a negative test result and are symptom-free.

Masks and face coverings

While at school masks or face coverings are required in all indoor settings for:

- all students in Year 7 and above
- all staff.

Some exemptions apply to these rules. Please refer to the [Face mask rules on the NSW Government website](#) for more information.

Visitors

Non-essential visitors are not permitted on school sites.

Parents and carers must follow their school's advice regarding changes to student drop off and pick up. This includes staying in the car when dropping off and picking up children if it is safe to do so. This does not apply to drop off and pick up from Out of School Hours Care (OOSHC) as sign in and out procedures are required.

Parents must:

- follow the physical distancing advice for their local area and avoid gathering outside of school gates
- remain outside of school grounds - some exceptions may apply re Schools for Specific Purposes (SSP), vulnerable students or students with disabilities
- adhere to mask-wearing requirements and sign in using the Service NSW QR code when entering the school.

HSC students

HSC students will be supported to attend schools to do coursework, project work and exam preparations where this cannot be done from home. Students who attend will be required to adhere to strict COVID safe practices.

Telephone Interpreter Service

If you need further information please call your school principal. If you need an interpreter to assist you with your enquiry please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. You will not be charged for this service.