

COVID-19 updated advice

[NSW Health](#) issued new COVID-19 advice for schools on 14 August 2020. This changes the way our schools operate.

1. Children who are sick with flu-like symptoms, even if they are mild symptoms, should stay home. Children who become sick at school will be kept in the sick bay and arrangements will be made for them to be collected.
 - NSW Health have requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the [COVID-19 clinics](#).
 - Students and staff with flu-like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school.
2. Where possible, students will stay within their group (i.e. class, year group, or stage) for all learning activities within their school in order to limit close contacts.
3. Non-essential visits to schools are not permitted. If you wish to speak to a teacher or member of staff at school, you should call the school and make an appointment. The appointment will be either on the phone or through video conferencing.
4. Interschool activities must remain within the local community or zone. Sports carnivals or similar activities with large gatherings where more than two schools are involved are not permitted.
5. All group singing (choirs) and/or other chanting activities, as well as the use of wind instruments in group settings, are not permitted. Special arrangements are in place for Higher School Certificate (HSC) students.
6. Year 11 and Year 12 students completing (HSC) subjects may continue to attend classes/activities relating to subjects only available on other campuses. All other students including Year 11 students not completing an HSC subject are not to attend other campuses for the remainder of Term 3. TAFE and other VET programs may continue.

Although kindergarten orientations for 2021 remain on-hold, there are helpful suggestions available through the [department's website](#). These suggestions will help keep students excited and engaged for their transition to kindergarten.

Make an appointment with your school to find out more about the changes.

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. This service will be free of charge to you.