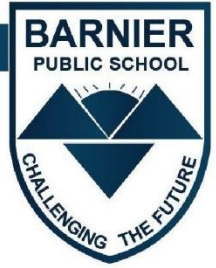


Barnier Public School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well.

The managed return to school which began on Monday 11th May has demonstrated that our education system and our communities are ready for school to go back to full time on-campus teaching and learning, in line with national and NSW Ministry of Health advice.

I thank you all for your continued support of our school as we will see the return of all Barnier students to full time on-campus learning from Monday 25th May 2020. Students who are not at school will be marked as absent.

Please note that, from Monday 25th May:

All students should be at school unless:

- They have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition
- They are currently unwell.

Students who have a medical certificate to stay at home will be supported to learn from home in line with **regular, pre-COVID-19** procedures if they are able to. ***These regular procedures are different to what was offered during the learning from home period.***

I will continue to provide updates for parents/carers as soon as any Department of Education changes occur. I hope all parents and carers have felt fully informed of changes regarding the operation of Barnier Public School throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. I strongly encourage all parents to download the Skoolbag APP onto their device. This APP is free for all parents and is the best way to keep informed of changes/updated information.

I would like to reassure all parents that we have hand sanitiser in all classrooms as well as enhanced cleaning services occurring throughout the school day and additional cleaning supplies at the school. We have plentiful supplies of soap, paper towels and toilet paper.

If children have cold or flu symptoms (runny nose, headache, fever, cough, sore throat), please do not send them to school. This applies even to mild symptoms. Please see your GP as soon as possible and act immediately on the advice given to you. Students who are unwell (even slightly unwell) must be kept home until symptoms resolve. Children who are unwell at school will be removed from classrooms and sent home immediately.

Parents on school grounds

I ask all parents continue to minimise time on school grounds as much as possible. Any adults on school grounds must comply with hygiene practices and social distancing rules at all times.

Drop off and collection procedures

All students K-6 must be dropped off at a school gate in the mornings with no exceptions.

Parents of students in years 2 - 6 must not enter school grounds to drop off or collect their children.

Students in Kindergarten or Year 1 who have an older sibling at the school must be collected from their classroom by their older sibling and not a parent.

Parents of students in Kindergarten and Year 1 (who do not have an older sibling at the school) may collect their children directly from the classroom ***if necessary***. I ask these parents to comply with all social distancing measures at all times and minimise time on school grounds as much as possible.

One parent only from each family is permitted on school grounds at any time.

Please note that this situation will be closely monitored and more extreme measures will be implemented if necessary.

Use of School Gates

As a general rule, I ask all parents who are entering school grounds to drop off or collect students to use the gates (as described below), wherever practical.

Farnham Road Gate – Families with surnames A-H

Barnier Drive Gate - Families with surnames I-N

Aylward Avenue Gate - Families with surnames O-Z

School gates will be locked until 2:30pm each day.

Non-essential visitors will not be permitted onto the school site.

As our school bubblers are currently not in use, I ask that all students bring a water bottle, clearly labelled with their name and class, to school with them every day.

The school canteen is operational for recess and lunch orders only and I strongly encourage all parents to order using the Flexischools APP to minimise contact and money handling.

Stage assemblies and excursions are on hold until further notice.

We will continue to have separate outside recess and lunch eating/play periods for K-2 and 3-6 at Barnier.

Please see below. Information for all parents provided by the Department of Education.

I thank all members of our school community for your continued and ongoing support throughout this challenging and unprecedented time. We are looking forward to seeing all students on Monday 25th May 2020. Please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

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20th May 2020

A guide to NSW school students returning to face-to-face learning

This guide is for parents and carers

Information has been updated as at 19 May 2020, until further notice.

Schools are safe and open for full time face-to-face learning

All schools are returning to full on-campus learning from Monday 25 May. All school activities and operations will be in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines as applicable.

School students do not need to follow physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like:

- Regularly washing hands
- Avoiding sharing drinks or food
- Coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately.

School attendance

All students should be at school unless:

- They have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition
- They are currently unwell.

Students who have a medical certificate to stay at home will be supported to learn from home in line with regular procedures if they are able to. These regular procedures are different to what was offered during the learning from home period. If you require work to be provided to your child whilst they are at home due to an underlying health condition, you should contact the school for assistance.

Please note, students who live with a family member in one of the categories identified as being at increased risk by the AHPPC, should attend school unless a medical practitioner advises otherwise in writing.

If your child is unwell, do not send them to school. If they are unwell at school you or your nominated emergency contact will need to collect them immediately. Please make sure your contact details are up to date.

If a student is absent without a medical reason for more than three days, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and followed up by the school.

If you need any support to get your child back to school, please contact your school.

Reporting and assessment

Your child has been assessed during the learning from home period and will receive additional assessment on their return to school.

You will receive your child's semester 1 report before the end of August (week 6, Term 3).

This may be a simplified version of the report you normally receive. Schools are encouraged to discuss your child's progress with you before the written report is issued.

School activities

Teachers will continue to follow the same school curriculum with the exception of some activities that can't go ahead for now.

What children can do: Use the school library

- Engage in non-contact sporting activities

What students can't do:

- School assemblies (unless for critical information)
- School incursions and excursions including camps
- Inter-school activities (debating, inter-school sport)
- In-school activities requiring parent or other volunteers
- Drink from a water bubbler – bring a water bottle instead

School cleaning and hygiene supplies

Your school will receive additional cleaning in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Targeted areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas. There will also be additional cleaning of toilets and bubblers and topping up of supplies like soap.

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Your school has received supplies of soap, hand sanitiser, toilet paper, paper towels, disinfectant wipes and personal protective equipment. The school is able to order more as needed.

School grounds

There should be no visitors to school sites unless they are essential. Your school can provide guidance as to who is considered essential.

Your school will provide advice on drop off and pick up procedures.

Wherever possible, P&C and parent/carer/teacher meetings should be conducted virtually.

Canteens and uniform shops can open at the discretion of the principal.

Out of school hours care can continue to operate.

Community use of school facilities will recommence only for uses that are necessary for continuation of education and with principal's approval.

Responding to COVID-19 cases

There is a clear plan in place for schools to respond to any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our schools. We are working closely with NSW Health and will communicate with parents if a situation was to arise