

Barnier Public School

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Covid-19 and the Operation of Schools from Monday 12th October

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of some changes to the operation of schools from the beginning of Term 4.

The Department of Education is working closely with the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee and other agencies to operate in the safest way possible during the Covid-19 pandemic. Schools continue to be safe environments. Students should be at school unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence.

Students must not be at school if they are unwell. Students and staff with flu-like symptoms (even mild symptoms) need to be tested for Covid-19. They must provide a copy of the negative test result and be symptom-free before being permitted to return to school.

Students with seasonal allergic rhinitis or other conditions that present similarly to flu-like symptoms are still required to get tested and return a negative result. Where their symptoms continue beyond 10 days, students should provide documentation from their GP confirming that their symptoms are typical for their condition. If new or changed symptoms present, they should get tested again.

Schools will remain vigilant in the implementation of infection control, physical distancing and personal hygiene measures.

The following activities can now proceed from 12/10/2020:

- Interschool activities where there is a strict Covid-19 Safety Plan in place
- Singing and chanting with strict restrictions
- Some band activities with strict restrictions
- Year 6 formals and special graduation assemblies with a Covid-19 Safety Plan
- Excursions and day camps with strict restrictions
- Covid-safe Kindergarten Orientation activities
- Covid-safe Year 6/7 transition to high school activities

Please note that:

- Only providers that are essential to the delivery of curriculum can continue to provide services and programs until further notice
- Parents, carers and non-essential visitors are still not permitted on the school site
- Current drop off and collection arrangements for students will continue
- Our school assemblies will continue on Zoom
- P&C meetings will continue online

- Parent/teacher meetings will continue online unless involving serious matters that require face to face discussion

Schools continue to monitor and plan for any changes in local circumstances that may arise. I will continue to keep all parents and carers informed if there are any changes to the operation of Barnier Public School. Please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a wonderful holiday, stay safe and healthy. See you all in Term 4.

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