



THE RANDWICK BUZZ

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Principal's Message

Welcome back to school for all students on Monday 25th May!



Thank you for your patience and help throughout the current COVID 19 period. Student numbers have been increasing steadily at Randwick (56% today) and we appreciate the amount of support parents have given us to date.

All of our teachers, other than those in the high risk vulnerable groups as designated by the Health Department, are back at school and spending time with their class. The classes whose teachers remain on approved leave will be taught by STEM teacher, Mrs Power, 1R and our Instructional Leader, Miss Clapp-Hughes, KM until leave arrangements are confirmed. Mr Michael Palmer will share 3RB while Mrs Richards is caring for her daughter this term.

Social distancing rules for adults continue to apply. Parents are asked to maintain social distancing when dropping students to and from school. We do apologise for the difficulties this causes but a 1900's school in a busy location was not configured with COVID 19 in mind.

The managed pick up for students as advised yesterday is our way of managing this. We will continue to review the procedures:

- K-2 may be picked up from 2.45pm.
- 3-6 students and mixed age families K-6 from 3pm.
- Please ensure your child knows their gate and try to keep it consistent: Frances Street, Kiss and Go or Cowper Street.
- For Y3-6 you may like to

think about increasing their independence and meeting them at Alison Park or for Y5 and 6, having them walk home, just to ease your wait time.

- Rainy weather is upon us so please pack a lightweight raincoat in the front pocket of your child's bag each day.

All public schools are returning to full on-campus learning from Monday 25 May. All school activities and operations will be in line with AHPPC guidelines and NSW Health advice, as applicable.

- Schools continue to be safe and operations are in line with AHPPC guidelines.
- All students are expected back at school unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence.
- Any students not attending without sick leave or an acceptable medical certificate will be followed up in the normal way for unexplained absences.

The school will resume a normal learning timetable and there will be no online learning from Monday. Please contact the school and provide a medical certificate for your child if they are unable to return.

Material may be picked up for them with prior arrangement. Additional support and advice can be found on the [Learning from home hub](#).

To keep children safe

- Enhanced cleaning procedures remain, including a cleaner to wipe down surfaces and bathrooms during the day.
- The school has received additional cleaning and sanitising products from the department.
- Good hygiene will be continued with students including covering coughs or sneezes, and regular hand washing and sanitising of

hands.

- Parents will be called if a child presents as unwell.
- Physical distancing of children is not required by the guidelines however we will continue to minimise clustering of children, entering or inside school buildings.
- There will be no sport outside school through Term 2 and 3.
- There are no assemblies or large gatherings
- Movement between classes will be minimised.

Reporting to parents/carers for Semester 1 will be simplified and focus on the learning that has taken place so far this year. This will include student's progress and achievements, as well as areas for development in Literacy and numeracy only. The report will then be followed by a phone conversation with each child's teacher where you can discuss both the report and general learning and development both at home and school during Semester 1.

Once again thank you for your support for your children and our school and community through this challenging time. It's great to be back!

"Home is behind, the world ahead, and there are many paths to tread through shadows to the edge of night, until the stars are all alight."
— J.R.R. Tolkien, [The Lord of the Rings](#)

Regards

Susan Allen
Principal

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The "Family Support" page of our Home Learning Hub website has some ideas for digital safety at home:

<https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/rps-learning-from-home-hub/home>



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
- Year 11 and 12 students may attend classes/ activities relating to subjects available on other campuses
- VET work placement for Year 12 students is able to proceed from 1 June 2020. Year 10 and 11 work-placement is able to proceed from Term 3 2020.
- School based apprenticeships and traineeships can recommence once the relevant workplaces are back in operation
- Trade Training Centres can operate on school sites.

What students can't do:

- School assemblies (unless for critical information)
- School incursions and excursions including camps
- Work experience
- Inter-school activities (debating, inter-school sport)
- In-school activities requiring parent or other volunteers
- Use hydrotherapy pools
- Drink from a water bubbler – bring a water bottle instead
- Students cannot attend TAFE for study but may continue to learn online.



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.

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.

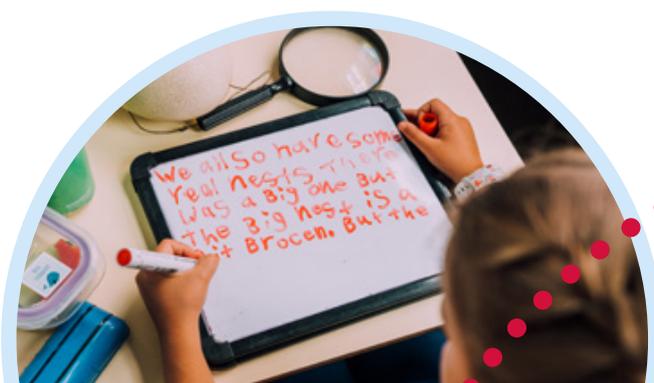
Canteens and uniform shops can open at the discretion of the principal.

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.



What children need to know about

ONLINE BULLYING



What is online bullying?

ONLINE BULLYING – ALSO KNOWN AS CYBERBULLYING – IS BULLYING THAT TAKES PLACE ON THE INTERNET OR VIA ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND MOBILE PHONES. IT CAN INCLUDE:

1. SENDING SOMEONE MEAN OR THREATENING EMAILS, DIRECT MESSAGES OR TEXT MESSAGES
2. HACKING INTO SOMEONE'S ONLINE ACCOUNT
3. BEING RUDE OR MEAN TO SOMEONE WHEN PLAYING ONLINE GAMES
4. POSTING PRIVATE OR EMBARRASSING PHOTOS ONLINE OR SENDING THEM TO OTHERS
5. CREATING FAKE SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS THAT MOCK SOMEONE OR TRICK THEM
6. EXCLUDING SOMEONE FROM AN ONLINE CONVERSATION OR BLOCKING THEM FOR NO REASON



Why does it happen?

GOING ONLINE MAKES IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO SAY AND DO THINGS THEY PROBABLY WOULDN'T DO FACE TO FACE. ONLINE BULLIES DON'T GET TO SEE THEIR VICTIMS' REACTIONS IN REAL LIFE, SO THIS CAN COCOON THEM FROM THE REAL DAMAGE THAT THEY ARE DOING. QUITE OFTEN, PEOPLE BULLY BECAUSE THEY ARE GOING THROUGH SOMETHING DIFFICULT THEMSELVES AND TAKING IT OUT ON OTHERS IS THE ONLY WAY THEY KNOW HOW TO GET CONTROL OF THEIR OWN EMOTIONS.

How does it feel to be bullied?

BEING BULLIED CAN IMPACT ON YOUR SELF-ESTEEM, CONFIDENCE AND SOCIAL SKILLS. BECAUSE IT HAPPENS ON YOUR PHONE, TABLET OR COMPUTER, IT CAN FEEL LIKE YOU ARE UNDER THREAT EVEN WHEN YOU'RE IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT, SUCH AS YOUR BEDROOM. DON'T FORGET...IT IS NOT YOUR FAULT IF YOU'RE BEING BULLIED.



Am I an online bully?

SOMETIMES IT ISN'T OBVIOUS THAT WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS WRONG, BUT IF YOU USE DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY TO UPSET, ANGER OR EMBARRASS SOMEONE ON PURPOSE, THIS MEANS YOU'RE INVOLVED IN ONLINE BULLYING. IT MIGHT BE AS SIMPLE AS 'LIKING' A MEAN POST, LAUGHING AT AN ONLINE VIDEO, OR SPREADING A RUMOUR, BUT THE PERSON BEING BULLIED COULD FEEL LIKE THEY ARE BEING GANGED UP ON. THINK ABOUT HOW IT WOULD MAKE YOU FEEL IF IT HAPPENED TO YOU. EVERYONE CAN MAKE MISTAKES, BUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO LEARN FROM THEM – GO BACK AND DELETE ANY UPSETTING OR NASTY POSTS, TWEETS OR COMMENTS YOU'VE WRITTEN.



Who do I tell?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE BULLYING ON YOUR OWN. TALK TO AN ADULT THAT YOU TRUST – A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR TEACHER. MOST WEBSITES, SOCIAL MEDIA WEBSITES AND ONLINE GAMES OR MOBILE APPS LET YOU REPORT AND BLOCK PEOPLE WHO ARE BOTHERING YOU. YOU COULD ALSO CONTACT CHILDLINE (WWW.CHILDLINE.ORG.UK), WHERE A TRAINED COUNSELLOR WILL LISTEN TO ANYTHING THAT'S WORRYING YOU – YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO GIVE YOUR NAME.



BE KIND ONLINE

BEFORE PRESSING 'SEND' ON COMMENTS, ASK YOURSELF THESE 3 QUESTIONS...

1. WHY AM I POSTING THIS?
2. WOULD I SAY THIS IN REAL LIFE?
3. HOW WOULD I FEEL IF SOMEBODY SAID THIS TO ME?

How do I prove it?

WHEN CYBERBULLYING HAPPENS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO DOCUMENT AND REPORT THE BEHAVIOUR, SO IT CAN BE ADDRESSED – RECORD THE DATES AND TIMES WHEN CYBERBULLYING HAS OCCURRED, AND SAVE AND PRINT SCREENSHOTS, EMAILS, AND TEXT MESSAGES.

How can I stay safe?

MAKE SURE YOUR PRIVACY SETTINGS ARE SET SO THAT ONLY PEOPLE YOU KNOW AND TRUST CAN SEE WHAT YOU POST. NEVER GIVE OUT PERSONAL INFORMATION ONLINE, SUCH AS IN PUBLIC PROFILES, CHAT ROOMS OR BLOGS, AND AVOID FURTHER COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE SENDING THE MESSAGES. KEEP AWARE OF FAKE PROFILES AND INTERNET USERS PRETENDING TO BE SOMEONE THAT THEY ARE NOT.



NOS National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

P&C Message

As you know from Skoolbag the last P&C meeting was cancelled due to COVID restrictions, but we invited you all to submit any questions that you would have raised at the meeting via email. We only received a couple of questions, so as promised here are Susan's answers.

Q1: How are Susan and the staff are holding up?

"Staff are doing really well and working well as teams, including remotely. We are looking forward to seeing the kids back next week and getting back to a more normal routine after this very challenging period. It has been a busy time for the teachers, learning new systems, adapting their teaching and lessons to online environments, and dealing with the constantly changing advice. But they have worked hard and adapted."

"It is worth remembering that the teachers and staff have varying concerns and levels of anxiety around the current situation just as parents and children do, so we appreciate parents remembering to be considerate and respectful at all times, and encouraging their children to follow the new rules and procedures at school, so everyone can have a constructive and safe time while at school."

"The Health Department advice is still that the risk exists between adults: teachers with teachers, parents with teachers and parents with parents, so please maintain your social distancing as well, to ensure a smooth return to Randwick."

Q2: What hand hygiene practices will be used when all the students are back? Is there a procedure (and enough basins and soap) so that children wash their hands properly?

"The children line up outside at the beginning of the day and after each break so they enter the classrooms in an orderly fashion and the teachers

have them wash their hands in small groups ready to restart the lessons. There are many hand washing facilities around the school, particularly in the Beehive and Kindy block which have substantial troughs as well as bathroom basins and the Department has ensured that schools have adequate supplies of hygiene products. The School also has enhanced cleaning services, including a daytime cleaner who cleans the bathrooms especially after breaks."

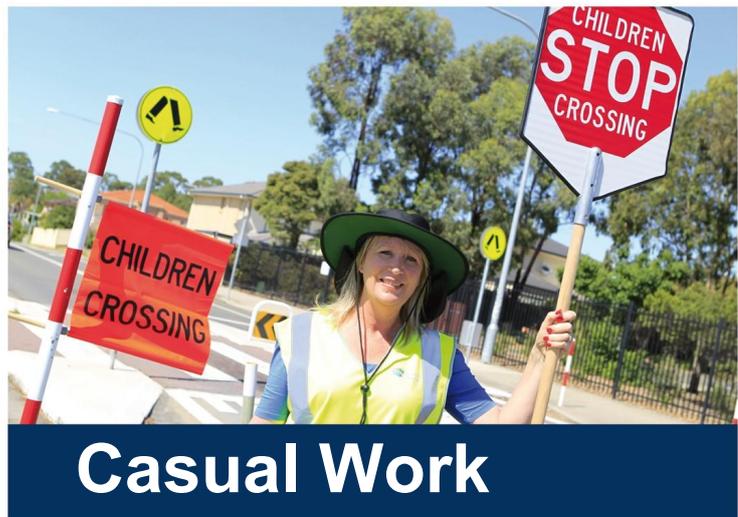
"All the children have been taught about hand washing best practices, using videos and signs and the like. The teachers are monitoring children throughout the day to the best of their ability and reminding them of good hygiene. Parents are asked to remind their children every day of the need to listen to the teachers

and remember these new habits. Reinforcing the same expectations at home will also help the habits to stick."

"A general comment on distancing and hygiene: even though the Department does not require us to maintain social distancing among the students in the classroom or playground, we have implemented a number of adjustments to minimise congestion including the canteen running on an online basis only with no counter sales for now; children go to the bag hooks in small groups; children eat in the classroom so they are not eating in playground."

Take care everyone. For those with kids still at home, enjoy these last couple of days.

Best wishes from the P&C Executive team



Casual Work

1x Casual position – Randwick Local Government Area – 924

Help protect our vibrant school communities

Become a Casual School Crossing Supervisor!

- Keep our kids, parents and teachers safe on the road
 - Be a second pair of eyes for our local motorists
- Earn an income and still have time to live your life to the fullest

Shifts fall between the school zones hours 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4.00pm, with a minimum of one, one hour shift as and when required Monday to Friday during the school term.

Does this sound like you?

- ✓ Reliable in good or bad weather
- ✓ Good communication skills
 - ✓ Community spirit
 - ✓ Positive energy
- ✓ If it does, visit or go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au to apply!

Applications close 11.59pm Sunday, 24th May 2020