



CLEMTON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

PURSUING EXCELLENCE

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Principal's Report – 4.10.21

COVID-19 UPDATE

Weeks 1 and 2 (Level 4)

- From 5 October to 15 October
- Status quo with current restrictions
- As our school is in an LGA that is still under stay-at-home rules we will continue to learn from home for the start of Term 4. It is important that you continue to keep your children home if you are able to work from home. While we are planning for our return to face-to-face learning and our teachers are completing their COVID-19 vaccinations there will only be minimal supervision for students on site and all students will be provided with the same work as they would be completing at home.

Week 3 (Level 3+)

From 18 October 2021: Preschool, Kindergarten and Year 1

- Staggered pick up
- Designated playground areas; grade based

Week 4 (Level 3+)

- From 25 October 2021: Years 2, 6 and 11
- Staggered pick up
- Designated playground areas; grade based

Week 5 (Level 3)

From 1 November 2021: Years 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

- Staggered pick up
- Designated playground areas; staged based

Remote Learning

Schools will not be operating face to face learning and providing remote learning materials. Parents who choose to keep their children home will be able to access the Department's Learning from Home hub to support their child's learning.

Mask requirements for students and staff

NSW Health advice requires that all staff must wear a face mask or covering at all times including when working outdoors – this includes in playgrounds and elsewhere on school grounds. This includes adults in all early childhood education and care settings, including when caring for and educating children.

While at school, appropriate face masks are required in all indoor and outdoor settings for all students in Year 7 and above, and strongly recommended for all primary students. Students should bring their own masks.

Vaccination requirements for all school-based staff

The Premier and Minister announced that all NSW public school and preschool staff on-site to support the staged return of student cohorts from 18 October will be required to be fully vaccinated.

All NSW public school and preschool staff will be required to be fully vaccinated by 8 November.

Ventilation and Air Purifiers

The advice from the Doherty Institute and NSW Health is that fresh air is the best form of ventilation. There are no plans for schools to have air purifiers, filters, or carbon dioxide monitors. Flow (not filters) and open windows are the best and most effective methods of ensuring the safest learning environment. All NSW classroom that have cross ventilation average 3.5 – 4 air changes per hour. Older buildings with higher ceilings and larger windows can have double that amount per hour. That amount of flow exceed the level needed to ensure clean air.

The school will be ventilated by opening windows and doors. We will also use fans and the air conditioners to ensure a flow of air. The Department has been conducting an audit of schools to assess ventilation. Clemton Park has been audited and the initial feedback was that our school was well placed with the set out and structure of the classrooms. Whilst I appreciate that some parents have inquired as to how they can best support their child's class, it is important that Clemton Park has a consistent approach across all the classrooms of the school. The school will not be supporting the purchase of air purifiers.

Ventilation is one part of the return to school strategy. Other aspects include having all staff vaccinated, staff wearing masks at all times, students being encouraged to wear masks, designated class and stage based play areas to minimise interaction of students, enhanced cleaning across the school, increased hygiene practices of students, streamlining the timetable to minimise movement of staff across the grades, encouraging learning to happen outside when and where possible and staggered pick up times.

2022 KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION FOR CHILDREN COMMENCING SCHOOL

At this stage, we are only enrolling students who live in our local area. I am however, accepting application forms for out of area students. It is vital that, if you have a child starting school in 2022 that you fill out an enrolment form online. You can the enrolment form through the school webpage. We have limited spaces and so returning the completed form to school as soon as possible is of utmost importance. The school's "Enrolment Policy" in line with the Departments was updated in July 2019. It is located on the school website. Do not hesitate to visit this website to obtain information about the enrolment of students at Clemton Park Public School. Children, who turn five on or before 31 July 2022, are eligible to start school. By law, all children must be in school the year they turn six.

LEAVING OR RETURNING BACK TO SCHOOL 2022

As we start begin the task of organising 2022, it is imperative you lodge your decision for your child's placement in 2022. We have a very long waiting list for students wanting to come to our school.

Please use the link below to indicate if your child IS or IS NOT returning to Clemton Park Public School in 2022.

<https://forms.office.com/r/HeZsX7LTAP>

SPORT SHIRT SURVEY

71% of people that voted have opted to change the sports shirt. This change happens over a period of time and will also provide a springboard to review our uniform policy.

NAPLAN

There was a delivery delay with our NAPLAN results. Even though they were sent at the same time, they did not arrive at all schools at the same time. Clemton Park was one of 300 schools who have had their NAPLAN results delayed.

MAINTENANCE

Contractors are allowed on site to complete work in a COVID safe and “contactless” way.

1. Shade Structure

- Is being built. Timeline for installation being discussed.

2. Block A

- ASO is liaising with Spotless in regards to progress on this job.

3. Top Field

- Has been sprayed, fertilised, cored and top dressed. We will need to water and stay off this area for a little while.

4. Ceiling of the maths storeroom, window and exhaust fan in the canteen.

- Preferred supplier agreed to by Assets. Completing the Small Works Agreement and planning an on site meeting to discuss the timeline of the job.

5. Asphalt areas completed during the holidays

6. Water tanks fixed for the hall and the main toilet block. They will now run off the water tank and switch over to mains water when the tank runs out.

Paul Robinson
Principal