



# DURAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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7<sup>th</sup> October 2021 ~ TERM 4, WEEK 1

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**FRI 8 OCT**

**MON-FRI  
WEEK 2**  
Home Schooling

**MON 18 OCT**  
Kindergarten  
and Year 1  
Return to School  
Yrs 2-6 Children  
of Essential  
Workers ONLY

**MON 25 OCT**  
All children  
Return to School

## Principal's Report ~ Milly Stone

### Welcome to Term 4

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and are all looking forward to activities starting to be reintroduced this Term. I would like to thank all the amazing staff who worked throughout the school holidays to ensure that 'Home Learning' resources were available, and that 'Home Learning' lessons were all ready for Day 1 Week 1. Not only were they preparing for 'Home Learning', but they were planning and preparing for return to school later this term.

I will endeavour to keep you informed as much as I can as plans are constantly changing and often very quickly and with little notice.

You will have heard that the return dates have changed. They now are:

**Kindergarten and Year 1 return on Monday 18 October 2021**

**Years 2,3,4,5 and 6 will return on Monday 25 October 2021**

Children are expected to return to school on those dates. Once the children return on either the 18 October or 25 October, there will only be face-to-face teaching. Home learning will not continue.

Parents and visitors are not permitted on school sites. We are still under the same advice that parents and carers are not to enter the school grounds for the drop off or pick up of students. I would like to remind parents to please follow the physical distancing advice of staying 1.5m apart and avoiding gathering outside the gates. Any person entering the school grounds for essential reasons must sign in with the QR code and must wear a mask.

On return to face-to-face learning, we will be introducing staggered finishing times. A complete plan with the times and areas for pick up will be sent home next week. It is important that you follow these times so that we can have children collected safely and with as little crowding as possible.

### Vaccinations

Vaccinations are mandatory for all school-based staff from November 8. Teachers returning on either the 18 October or the 25 October will be fully vaccinated.

### Mask Wearing

Staff will be required to always wear masks inside and outside. Masks are recommended for indoor settings for primary students but are not mandatory. I really would like students to wear masks when inside the classroom. Children 12 years and under are encouraged to wear a mask whilst using public transport.

The staff are extremely excited to welcome the students back to school in a staggered and safe return. We will be keeping parents/carers informed with all the changes. Please make sure that you read the newsletter and check your emails.

### Good News

Congratulations Luna in 6H who won the Reading Australia NAIDOC Week colouring competition. She received a \$100 book voucher and so did Dural Public School.

### Hills Buses

Hills Bus school services will resume 18 October 2021.



# Respect, Responsibility, Success



WELCOME TO TERM 4!! Hope that everyone had a relaxing holiday and had fun. We have had a great start to the term with the sunshine, making treasure maps and making some letters for the Spring fairies. We cannot wait to start seeing everyone come back from the 18<sup>th</sup> onwards.



Kind Regards,  
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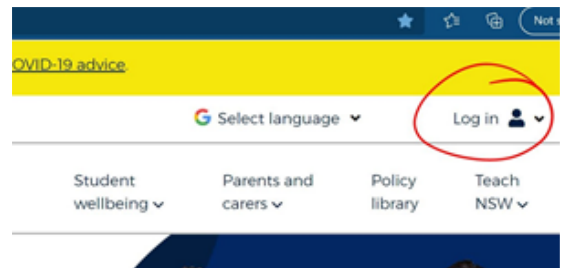


## Technology Updates - Student Portal

Have you seen the new look for your student portal? From Week 1 Term 4 the Department of Education has updated the student portal page with a fresh new look! The new portal features a simpler content layout so you can quickly access resources and links. The update has also improved performance and load times, meaning you can get on with your learning tasks more quickly. They even included a new feature of customisable background colours for junior and middle year students.

To access your student portal you still follow the same steps. Need help accessing your portal? Check out the step by step instructions on our Dural Home Learning Hub page here:

<https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/dps-home-learning-hub/tech-support/student-portal-guide>



All students in public schools have free access to the online Microsoft Office tools through their student portal, including Word and PowerPoint. Students can also access a range of G Suite resources for free through their portal, including Google Docs, Google Slides, Google Classroom, Google Sites and more! Students K-6 can access their portal at home as well as at school by using their login details. These are the same details that you need to log into your Zoom account.

Check out this video to find out more about the features of the new student portal:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=76R0pj7KJrk&t=141s>

## Kindergarten 2022

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Enrol Now for Kindergarten 2022

We welcome all new Kindergarten students and families to Dural Public School.



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SPECIAL REPORT

# Transitioning Back



## A SPECIAL REPORT: Transitioning Back

As lockdown restrictions are slowly being lifted to varying degrees, we are entering a time of transition and adjustment. The circumstances of this situation have significantly impacted us all. For some it has been an opportunity to reflect on what is important, whilst others have embraced the opportunity to learn new things.

Many young people may be excited at the prospect of restrictions being lifted; whilst others may be feeling mixed emotions. Reactions will differ depending on how well they cope with stress and change. Keeping a check on your child's mental health and wellbeing as they adjust to new routines, will be vitally important.

There is still a lot of uncertainty ahead of us, so focusing on the things you can control or enjoy doing, can help establish predictability and familiarity for the whole family. Adult carers need to provide young people with reassurance by acknowledging any concerns and fears they may have at this time. Consider this to be a normal reaction, however it may be best to focus more on their feelings and emotions, rather than the practicalities at this stage.

In this Special Report, we share a few ideas about how to help ease this time of transition.

**If you do have any concerns about the wellbeing of your child, please contact the school for further information or seek medical or professional help.**

Here is the link to your special report: [https://dural-p-schools.nsw.schooltv.me/wellbeing\\_news/special-report-coronavirus-transition-back](https://dural-p-schools.nsw.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-coronavirus-transition-back)



## October is Cyber Safety Awareness month!

The Department of Education is launching a Cybermarvel program. In this digital age, it is more important than ever for us all to learn how to be cyber safe. Come and join us in October and participate in fun activities and webinars to help you become *cybermarvellous*!

### About the Cybermarvel program

The Cybermarvel program aims to build online safety awareness in primary school students, staff and families. It is a collaborative initiative of the NSW, QLD, TAS, VIC, SA and NT education departments and will:

- actively build staff and students' cyber safety awareness and skills
- inform parents and carers on how to keep their families safe online.
- encourage safe online behaviour and experiences

### eSafety's parent guide to popular apps webinar

Did you miss the webinar in Term 3 about how to support your child on popular apps such as TikTok, Instagram, Snapchat and Youtube? The eSafety team is holding an additional webinar on Friday 15th October from 12:30-1:30pm. Register for a spot in this free live webinar by clicking here:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/6174486083439855631>



#### Parents webinar- parents' guide to popular apps

Popular apps such as TikTok or Instagram can be fun but also risky. Learn how you can help your children use these apps safely.

Date: Fri 15 Oct 2021

Time: 12:30 - 1:30 pm

### K-2 Students - Cyber Play Time

Check out Episode 1 of Cyber Play time videos to learn how to be safe online. <https://t4i.schools.nsw.gov.au/resources/cybermarvel/cyberplaytime.html>



# 7 INTERNET SAFETY TIPS

FOR EVERYONE!

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## Don't Give Out Personal Information

Avoid online phishing attempts by keeping your personal information private. Don't give out your phone number, social security information, or banking info to someone you don't know.



## Create Complex Passwords

Create passwords with a combination of letters, numbers, and symbols. Consider using password managers to create and keep track of your passwords.

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## Check Website Reliability

Before purchasing anything on a website ensure that it's safe. You can do this by checking if it has a small lock icon or "https" before the URL. The "s" in "https" stands for "secure" and the lock means it's confirmed as a safe site by your browser.



## Avoid Suspicious Online Links

Be careful of websites or emails containing suspicious links. Some websites may trick you and get you to click on malicious links and then steal your personal information.

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## Keep Your Computer Updated

Computer developers release updates to keep products safe. Keep your device software up to date so it is not vulnerable to malware.



## Monitor App Permissions

Learn the privacy settings for any device, app or service you use. Some apps will ask for permission to access photos and other personal information. Stay informed so you aren't sharing anything you don't want to.

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## Be Cautious with Public Wifi

Be careful when you use public wifi. When accessing public networks, anyone can use unsecured networks to distribute malware and access private information.



## CONGRATULATIONS LUNA

We would like to congratulate Luna D in 6H who won the Reading Australia NAIDOC Week colouring competition. Luna and Dural Public School will both receive a \$100 Booktopia book voucher.



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Cake Plinths  
Event Props

Floral Figures  
Backdrops  
Neon Signs  
Signage



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## Virtual Open Day For Prospective Year 7 2023 Families

**Monday  
18 October 2021**

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