



DURAL PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Term 1 Week 7 Updated COVID Guidelines

Dear parents and carers,

Please see below for a summary of updates sent to schools on Friday afternoon. For further information, please visit the DoE *Guidelines for Families* visit

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families> or contact the school.

Welcome back parents

Parents and carers may now enter the school to drop off and pick up students from **Monday 8 March** in a COVID safe way in accordance with local school arrangements. A COVID safe way includes maintaining physical distancing and not coming on to site if exhibiting symptoms.

All visitors, including parents, to a school site must comply with sign-in arrangements. This includes the requirement to sign the school sign-in QR code where they acknowledge that they will comply with the COVID-19 requirements for visitors, contractors and service providers each time they visit. Visitors must also check in using the Service NSW QR code.

Morning procedures

Parents may walk students to their class lines, drop their bags and then leave promptly. We ask that parents do not wait around once their child's bag is placed in morning lines. Morning procedures for students remain the same – 8:50am the teacher on duty will direct students to place their bags in class lines under the blue shade cloth, at 9:00am a second teacher on duty will walk Years 3-6 students to the green playground.

Afternoon procedures

Teachers will continue to walk students to the top gate in the afternoon for dismissal.

Parents may enter the school grounds **once the school bell has gone at 3:20pm** to collect their children. Parents are asked to leave the school grounds promptly after picking up their child/children in the afternoon. Please be mindful that the school play equipment in the K-2 area is out of bounds for everyone before and after school. This includes siblings that do not attend the school.

We kindly ask parents to follow school protocol if they wish to speak to teachers (email/phone in advance to arrange a meeting). Parents are not to come to their child's classroom under any circumstance to pick up/drop off children.

Where possible, we ask that you book doctor's appointments outside of school hours. If this is unavoidable, we ask parents to ring the front office if you need to pick up your child early. The leaving early procedure remains the same: Students leaving early must go to the front office first before leaving so our office staff can properly sign them out of school.

Parents are reminded that the updated guidelines are for pick up and drop off arrangements only. At this stage parents are not permitted in the classroom for reading groups or as class helpers but we are hopeful this will resume at some point in the year.

Other COVID Guideline updates and reminders

Physical Distancing

All parents and carers are expected to support one another in honouring the 1.5 metre physical distancing.

COVID Safe Check IN

Please use the COVID Safe Check in QR Codes on school gates as you enter the school.

Sign in at the administration office building if you are visiting the school for a reason other than dropping off or picking up children (such as to attend a meeting, to volunteer at canteen etc.) or if you don't have a mobile phone to check in.

Stay Home if Unwell

Parents and carers are reminded **NOT** to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms.

Students and staff with flu-like symptoms need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom-free before being permitted to return to school.

Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test will not be permitted to return to school for a 10-day period. Additionally, they must be symptom-free for at least 3 days prior to returning to school.

P and C Meetings

P & C meetings and events can be onsite with a COVID Safe plan and in line with relevant square metre rules.

Singing

No restrictions to choirs or class singing, but if performing there needs to be 5 metre distancing between the singers and the audience.

Mixed Grades

Students will be able to mix with other students across all grades.

Sharing of Food

This is not allowed. Small commercially individually wrapped treats or ice-blocks are okay for birthdays.

We thank you for your support in ensuring our school community follows the COVID guidelines.

Ms Stone

Principal