

15 October 2021

Dear families,

As promised, I am writing with additional information about the return of students to our school campus. First, a reminder about the dates for our phased return.

<p>Commencing 25 October (Week 4)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early childhood centres (ECEC) • Preschool and kindergarten • Years 1 and 2 • Year 6 • Years 9 and 10 • Out of school hours care (OSHC)
<p>Commencing 1 November (Week 5)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Years 3, 4 and 5 • Years 7 and 8
<p><i>From weeks 1 to 4 of term, onsite supervision and care continues to be available for vulnerable children and young people whose parents are essential workers.</i></p>	

Drawing on national and local health advice we have developed a return to school plan which has three key priorities:

- the health and safety of staff and young people,
- the mental and emotional well-being of students and staff, and
- ensuring continuity of learning.

Below is an outline of [ACT Health Guidelines](#) that schools are required to implement to ensure effective COVID-19 measures are in place.

<p>Use of Check in CBR app</p>	<p>All staff and visitors must check in using the 'Check in CBR' app. Parents and carers cannot enter school grounds except for an essential reason. Visitors must call to make an appointment, or in advance of attendance. All visitors must report to the front office.</p>
<p>Student illness</p>	<p>Staff and students who are unwell are not able to attend school. Students who present unwell will be required to go home.</p>
<p>Hygiene</p>	<p>Schools will maintain and promote appropriate hand hygiene and respiratory hygiene practices. Students will need to wash hands and use hand sanitisers throughout the day. Students will not be allowed to share food or drink.</p>

Masks	<p>Staff, visitors and students* in years 7-12 must wear a face mask on campus. Students in years 3-6 are encouraged to wear a mask if they are comfortable doing so. Students in Preschool to year 2 are not required to wear a mask. Masks may not be suitable for students with a disability or medical condition and schools will make allowances for those students not to wear masks.</p> <p><i>* Students will be required to wear their personal masks. Masks will be available at school for those who require them. Disposable masks need to be changed every four hours.</i></p>
Physical Distancing	<p>Physical distancing between children and young people is not always possible, particularly in single classrooms and school environments. It is however important for limiting the transmission of COVID 19. To promote physical distancing we may adjust learning programs, breaktimes, our timetable as well as pick up and drop off arrangements. More specific information about what this means for your child is included below.</p>
Environmental cleaning	<p>Our school cleaning program includes regular cleaning of high touch services, frequently used objects, and play equipment.</p>
Ventilation	<p>All schools have been assessed to increase fresh air circulation and this may involve changes to ventilation, modified HVAC system settings and maximising the use of outdoor learning spaces.</p>
Managing suspected cases	<p>We are prepared to respond to a positive COVID-19 case on campus, should the need arise. ACT Health will provide direction to the school and community, which may result in a full or partial school closure. A student who presents with symptoms of COVID-19 will be isolated with suitable supervision, and parents will be required to collect their child. Symptomatic students will be required to wear a mask.</p>
Will schools have routine testing for COVID-19?	<p>Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms should get tested immediately. ACT Health is not recommending routine COVID-19 testing of children, young people or staff using rapid antigen testing.</p>
Wellbeing supports	<p>Wellbeing and learning supports, such as face to face appointments with the school psychologist or access to a Learning Support Assistant, will recommence with the return to school.</p> <p>For parents and carers of students with a medical vulnerability: if you wish the school to make reasonable adjustments for the safe return of your child, you must consult a GP and provide medical advice to that effect. Where adjustments can't be made, the school will support your child to learn from home.</p>

To further support the ACT Health Guidelines our school is making the following adjustments:

Drop off and pick-up location:

To assist with physical distancing, we are separating drop off and pick up locations. Please do not enter the school. Please stay outside the school in your child’s designated year level collection/drop off point. Please show social distancing at this time.

Year level	Location	Time
Preschool	Back of school	9am/3pm
Kinder	Gate next to preschool building	9am/3pm
Year 1	Front foyer	9am/3pm
Year 2	Service entry at the front of the school leading to the canteen	9am/3pm
Years 3/4	Side gate near portable	9am/3pm
Year 5	Side gate near portable	8:50am/2:50pm



Preschool		Back of school- gate near the preschool
Kinder		Path at front of school- leading to canteen
Year 1		Front foyer
Year 2		Back of school- gate on the grass at the end of the building.
Years 3/4		Side gate near portable
Year 5		Side gate near portable

Hygiene routines:

When at school, children will be asked to carry out the hygiene procedures below:

Procedures:

- Hand sanitiser will be every classroom, offices and front office.
- Cough into elbows or a tissue, place tissue in the bin and do hand hygiene after.
- Avoid touching eyes, noses and mouth
- Do not share food and drink

Hand washing procedures are as follows:

- Wash hands at the start of day, after each play time and before eating. Everyone will wash their hands as procedure as per Directorate Hand washing sheet (on the right)



Teaching and learning:

Term overviews outlining what teaching and learning will look like from week 4 onwards will be sent to P-2 families at the end of week .3 The overviews explaining what teaching and learning will look like from week 5 onwards will be sent at the end of week 4 to families of children in years 3-5.

To ensure that adults are not mixing with a wide array of students, each staff member has been allocated a year level grade. Until we receive further advice from the Directorate staff will work in the following areas:

Year level	Classroom teachers	Release teacher/s	Year level support
Preschool	Sarah King Gabby Jackson Alex Wood	Wei Wei	Erin Rhodes Shelley Rath Surbhi Gupta Sehar Aslam
Kindergarten	Keryn Bird Debbie Moody Jess Wilson Tara Hall Louise Johnson	Jess Smith Hannah Eversham	Ben Van De Rhee Daniel Keir Di Keir
Year 1	Krystal Bullock Renee Willey Karen Cossins Helen Duncan	Julian Fior	Emma Skeen
Year 2	Keri Ball	Christine Durward	Charu Passi

	Hayley Dix Kylie Travers		
Year 3/4	Noni See Phoebe Gordon Tanielle Peate Adele Janse Van Rensburg	Kathryn Gilhooley Fiona Allan	Robina Jeffs Bec Atkins
Year 5	Cheryl Cassella Madi Smith	Catherine Griffin	Michelle Eggleton
Small Group Program	Sam Higginson-Collits Kathryn Gilhooley	Joy Urquhart	Nicola Greaves Di Keir
Executive teacher (Thursday)	Noni See	Kathryn Gilhooley	
Executive teacher (Tuesday)	Keri Ball	Joy Urquhart	

Break times:

Based on Directorate protocols, and to minimise staff and children mixing we will be staggering our break time and play areas. These are as follows:

Time	Group	Location
10:15-10:45	Kindy and SGP	K- GO1, GO2
		SGP
10:45-11:15	Year 1 Year 2	Yr 1- GO1
		Y2 - GO2 (including court)
11:15-11:45	Year 3/4 and 5	Year 5 M,W,F - GO2 plus sandpit Tu, Th – Netball court plus area around portable
		Yr 3/4 M,W,F - Netball court plus area around portable Tu, Th - GO2 plus sandpit
Time	Group	Location
12:30-1:00	Kindy and SGP	K- GO1 plus sandpit
		SGP
1:00-1:30	Year 1 Year 2	GO1 plus sandpit
		GO2 including court
1:30-2:00	Year 3/4 and 5 (6 classes)	Year 5 M,W,F – Netball court plus area around portable Tu, Th – GO2 plus sandpit
		Yr 3/4 M,W,F - GO2 plus sandpit Tu, Th - Netball court plus area around portable

Before and After School Care:

Will operate in the same locations as before lockdown.

- Children in preschool and Kindergarten will be accessing the end room in the orange block
- Children in years 1-5 will be accessing the community room
- At the end of each day, preschool students attending Afters will be collected by Anglicare staff and escorted to their designated room
- At the end of each day, 1 year level teacher will escort children to Afters to sign a paper roll (so there is no sharing of devices)
- At the end of each day, years 3-5 teachers will send children to Afters.

School canteen:

Will be back in operation

- Please send your child's lunch order with them to the classroom.
- At approximately 9:30am lunch orders will be dropped outside the canteen.
- Lunch orders will be distributed to classrooms at eating time

Franklin School

Lunch Menu Term 4 2021

Please note that this menu is on a 9 day rotation.

Where possible wholemeal/wholegrain products are used; No salt is added.

Note: Menu adapted for infants, cultural & dietary requirements

RED MEATS; VEGETARIAN, CHICKEN, SEAFOOD/SHELLFISH

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 4 – 8 Oct	Labour Day Public Holiday	Chicken fried rice Vegetarian Option: vegetable & tofu fried rice	Spaghetti Bolognese Vegetarian Option: soy mince & vegetable bolognese	Crumbed fish fingers with potato salad & vegetables Vegetarian Option: vegetable cake with potato salad & vegetable	Lamb & Potato Casserole with rice Vegetarian option: tofu & vegetable casserole with rice
2 11 – 15 Oct	Butter Chicken with couscous Vegetarian option: butter paneer with couscous	Cheesy pizza with basil	Beef burritos with salad Vegetarian Option: soy mince & lentil burritos with salads	Chicken stir-fry noodles Vegetarian Option: tofu & vegetable stir-fry noodles	Beef sausage rolls with Corn Cobs Vegetarian Option: soy mince & potato rolls with corn cobs
3 18 – 22 Oct	Chicken fried rice Vegetarian Option: vegetable & tofu fried rice	Spaghetti Bolognese Vegetarian Option: soy mince & vegetable bolognese	Crumbed fish fingers with potato salad & vegetables Vegetarian Option: vegetable cake with potato salad & vegetable	Lamb & Potato Casserole with rice Vegetarian option: tofu & vegetable casserole with rice	Butter Chicken with couscous Vegetarian option: butter paneer with couscous
4 25 – 29 Oct	Cheesy pizza with basil	Beef burritos with salad Vegetarian Option: soy mince & lentil burritos with salads	Chicken stir-fry noodles Vegetarian Option: tofu & vegetable stir-fry noodles	Beef sausage rolls with Corn Cobs Vegetarian Option: soy mince & potato rolls with corn cobs	Chicken fried rice Vegetarian Option: vegetable & tofu fried rice
5 1 – 5 Nov	Spaghetti Bolognese Vegetarian Option: soy mince & vegetable bolognese	Crumbed fish fingers with potato salad & vegetables Vegetarian Option: vegetable cake with potato salad & vegetable	Lamb & Potato Casserole with rice Vegetarian option: tofu & vegetable casserole with rice	Butter Chicken with couscous Vegetarian option: butter paneer with couscous	Cheesy pizza with basil
6 8 – 12 Nov	Beef burritos with salad Vegetarian Option: soy mince & lentil burritos with salads	Chicken stir-fry noodles Vegetarian Option: tofu & vegetable stir-fry noodles	Beef sausage rolls with Corn Cobs Vegetarian Option: soy mince & potato rolls with corn cobs	Chicken fried rice Vegetarian Option: vegetable & tofu fried rice	Spaghetti Bolognese Vegetarian Option: soy mince & vegetable bolognese
7 15 – 19 Nov	Crumbed fish fingers with potato salad & vegetables Vegetarian Option: vegetable cake with potato salad & vegetable	Lamb & Potato Casserole with rice Vegetarian option: tofu & vegetable casserole with rice	Butter Chicken with couscous Vegetarian option: butter paneer with couscous	Cheesy pizza with basil	Beef burritos with salad Vegetarian Option: soy mince & lentil burritos with salads
8 22 – 26 Nov	Chicken stir-fry noodles Vegetarian Option: tofu & vegetable stir-fry noodles	Beef sausage rolls with Corn Cobs Vegetarian Option: soy mince & potato rolls with corn cobs	Chicken fried rice Vegetarian Option: vegetable & tofu fried rice	Spaghetti Bolognese Vegetarian Option: soy mince & vegetable bolognese	Crumbed fish fingers with potato salad & vegetables Vegetarian Option: vegetable cake with potato salad & vegetable
9 29 Nov – 3 Dec	Lamb & Potato Casserole with rice Vegetarian option: tofu & vegetable casserole with rice	Butter Chicken with couscous Vegetarian option: butter paneer with couscous	Cheesy pizza with basil	Beef burritos with salad Vegetarian Option: soy mince & lentil burritos with salads	Chicken stir-fry noodles Vegetarian Option: tofu & vegetable stir-fry noodles
10 6 – 10 Dec	Beef sausage rolls with Corn Cobs Vegetarian Option: soy mince & potato rolls with corn cobs	Chicken fried rice Vegetarian Option: vegetable & tofu fried rice	Spaghetti Bolognese Vegetarian Option: soy mince & vegetable bolognese	Crumbed fish fingers with potato salad & vegetables Vegetarian Option: vegetable cake with potato salad & vegetable	Lamb & Potato Casserole with rice Vegetarian option: tofu & vegetable casserole with rice
11 13 – 17 Dec	Butter Chicken with couscous Vegetarian option: butter paneer with couscous	Cheesy pizza with basil	Beef burritos with salad Vegetarian Option: soy mince & lentil burritos with salads	Chicken stir-fry noodles Vegetarian Option: tofu & vegetable stir-fry noodles	Beef sausage rolls with Corn Cobs Vegetarian Option: soy mince & potato rolls with corn cobs

We will continue to review and adjust these measures based on the most up to date advice from ACT Health.

Remember, all adults and children aged 12 years and above are eligible for vaccination. If your child is eligible but not yet vaccinated, we encourage you to book them in by calling the COVID-19 vaccination line on 5124 7700 daily between 7am-7pm. Bookings can also be made with some [GP clinics and pharmacies](#).

We understand that there has been considerable change and uncertainty for our students during the pandemic, and as we transition back to school. I'd remind you that you and your child can book an appointment with our Telehealth Support Service on 02 6205 1559 between 9.00am and 4.30pm weekdays. With the return to school, your child will also be able to organise face to face sessions with the school psychologist.

For more information about the return to schools, I'd recommend visiting [the Education Directorate's website](#).

You can keep up to date with the latest health information, advice and resources on the [ACT's COVID-19 website](#).

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and understanding as we return to face-to-face schooling.

We look forward to seeing all our students back at school.

My regards,

Kate Flynn
Principal