



*Lyneham High School is built on the traditional lands of the Ngunnawal people.
We acknowledge the traditional owners of this land and pay our respects
to their elders, past, present and future.*



Principal's Message



As we prepare to welcome students back to school, as you can appreciate, there is there is a lot of preparation and planning happening, and lots of information that we need to share with families.

Due to the length of that information, the recent “weekly wrap” email format is not suitable this week. Instead, we’ve produced this newsletter.

Despite its length, I encourage you to read through the full content. Much of the information is from the Education Directorate to help prepare the community for what you can expect to see, and what students can expect to see, once they're back at school. And of course, we have included school specific information to advise our preparations. Our staff have been working really hard to make sure that your child’s transition back to face-to-face learning is a positive experience.

Across the school, people have been working hard to make sure that in every teaching area, we are looking at the reasonable things that we can be doing to keep students, teachers, and other staff safe. An example of this is in LPAC where, even though distancing for students is not required, we’ve used all available space to make it the safest possible space for everyone.

We’re excited to welcome our students and staff back onsite over the next three weeks. I would like to thank everyone in our school community for their support and patience while we were delivering learning remotely, and look forward to your continued support as we transition back.

Regards

Rob



Major Transition Milestones

The major milestones in our transition to return to face-to-face learning are:

When	Year Group	Milestone
Week 3 Wednesday, 13 May	Year 7	Families were sent this email advising the details of their transition arrangements, which included their generic timetable for weeks 4 and 5.
Week 4 Monday, 18 May	Year 7	Return to school for face-to-face learning, using the modified timetable.
	Years 8, 9 and 10	Continue with remote learning.
Week 4 Wednesday, 20 May	Year 10	Families will be sent an email advising the details of their transition arrangements.
Week 5 Monday 25 May	Year 7 Year 10	Continued face-to-face learning. Return to school for face-to-face learning, using a modified timetable.
	Years 8 and 9	Continue with remote learning.
Week 5 Thursday 28 May	All years	Students will be emailed their regular timetable in preparation for resumption of its use.
Week 6 Tuesday 2 June	Years 8 and 9	Return to school for face-to-face learning.
	All years	Recommence using regular timetables.

On-site Supervision

We would like to thank our families for their incredible support in keeping their children home through this remote learning period. We know that some families were unable to do this, and their children were cared for at a Safe and Supported Schools site.

Any child registered through this arrangement can attend Lyneham High School from next week, Monday 18 May. If your circumstances have recently changed, and you need school supervision for your child before their year-group is due to return, please call the school on 6142 1176 to register your need.

Students Unable to Return

We understand that some students may not be able to return to school on the expected dates, due to chronic health conditions or compromised immune systems and will wish to continue to study from home. If this is the case with your child, please make contact with the school to advise this. We will place your child on leave, for up to a week. If necessary, we can add weekly increments based on your further advice.

In this transition period, remote learning will continue for each year level until the scheduled date for their return to classroom learning. As year groups return, like year 7 students next week, teachers will switch their focus from remote learning back to delivering their face-to-face learning programs in the classroom.

With their focus on face-to-face learning, teachers will then be unable to provide the same level of remote learning as has been provided in recent weeks (e.g. when teaching their year 7 class next week, the classroom teacher will not be available to be online to work with students at home). Students studying from home will be encouraged to monitor their Google Classroom for any work (tasks, resources, etc) posted by their teacher and ask questions via email or Google Classroom.

Supporting Transition

The Education Directorate's school psychologists have prepared a range of articles to support students and families with the transition back to school. These are:

- [Dealing with Change by Sheri Bottomley](#)
- [Preparing kids to move back to school after COVID-19](#)
- [Tips for helping kids cope with anxiety about COVID-19](#)
- [Tips to Help Anxious Children Cope](#)



Health and hygiene

There will be a strong focus on ensuring good health and hygiene practices – like hand washing – when we return. Our school has stocked up on soap and hand sanitiser and all students and staff will be regularly reminded to wash their hands with soap and water or hand sanitiser. Parents should also encourage their children to wash their hands before they arrive at school.

There will also be a focus on other hygiene measures, including encouraging everyone to cough into elbows or a tissue, placing used tissues in bins, avoiding touching eyes, noses or mouths, no sharing food or drink, not using water fountains or bubblers directly, as well as hygiene measures in the preparation of food products.

Cleaning

Our cleaning services will be extended to deliver dedicated cleaning activities during each school day – particularly on high touch points such as door handles – and an updated cleaning plan will be in place prior to resumption of face to face learning.

If your child is sick

When students return to the classroom, it is important we are vigilant about health and hygiene. This means if your child has any kind of illness, even if it is just a runny nose, they must not come to school. If your child comes to school unwell, you will be asked to collect them. We will be stricter in implementing these rules than you are perhaps used to, but it is for the health and safety of everyone in our school community.

Physical distancing

New physical distancing measures will be in place for adults in our schools. This will be a big change to the way we are used to interacting with our school community.

The ACT Chief Health Officer has advised that schools should limit the gathering of adults on school sites. At our school this will mean adults, including parents and staff, will need to maintain physical distancing between themselves and other adults.

Adults in ACT public schools will need to ensure they keep to the guidelines of maintaining 1.5 metres between themselves and no more than one adult per four square metres in an indoor space (for example in classrooms).

In limiting the number of adults on site, we encourage you to contact us via e-mail or telephone before visiting. If a face-to-face meeting is required, we ask you to book a time so that physical distancing can be planned.

School pick-up and drop off

Where possible, parents and carers are encouraged to drop children off without entering the school grounds. When dropping off, we remind families to be conscious of normal safety considerations, particularly by parking safely and legally:

- Do not park across pedestrian crossings, corners and verges
- Do not double park. It reduces pedestrian visibility, and blocks the ability for kids to see the road clearly.
- Do not park in no stopping zones, in a bus zone, in front of a driveway, or over a children's crossing.
- For drop offs in the morning, why not park a little further away from the school and have your child walk the rest of the way?
- For pick-ups at the end of the school day, have a pre-determined meeting spot that's nearby. This also helps if you're running late, so your kids know where to wait and you don't need to rush.

Access Canberra inspectors will be on patrol, so let's work together to keep our kids safe.

Other Information

School Photos

In case your child hasn't already mentioned it, school photographs are ready for collection by those families who had placed an order by returning the photographer's envelope. Simply drop in to the office between 8:30 - 3:30 on any school day.

Enrolments for 2021

Applications for students enrolling in new schools or college in 2021 commenced earlier this month. Applications submitted by 5 June will receive offers from 27 July.

If you have a year 6 or year 10 child, head to the Education Directorate's [enrolments page](#) to complete the online application form. Please make sure that you first read the information behind the [Enrol in Kindergarten to Year 12](#) button on the enrolments page.

If you have family or friends with children in these years, please make sure they know to do this.

Public Transport Information

Transport Canberra have provided a number of [tips on their website](#) for those heading back to the classroom. If your child takes the bus and/or light rail, please have a read. Key points are:

- No cash accepted on buses - please use MyWay
- Top up (and register) your MyWay card
- Use the rear door to enter and exit on buses
- Be aware that light rail vehicles have auto doors opening at all stops
- Where possible maintain physical distancing
- No front seat access on buses
- Always practice good hygiene



LPAC and Band

Our fabulous music faculty would like to share a couple of things:

- The latest Band Newsletter is [now available](#). You can also access this from the [Band page on Lenni](#)
- A picture of the new LPAC layout that Band students will experience on their return:



Returning to classroom learning in ACT public schools

When we return to classroom learning, there will be some changes to the way schools operate to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

What you can expect from us

- Clear communication about arrangements at our school.
- Increased cleaning focused on high touch surfaces across the school.
- Soap and hand sanitiser available for everyone in prominent areas of our school.
- Regular reminders for staff and students to wash hands throughout the day.
- Posters and signage in our school about practising good hygiene.
- Minimising the number of adults and visitors to our school.
- No events that bring groups of adults together in our school (eg. assemblies, fetes, open nights).

What we need from students

- Do not come to school if you are sick.
- Wash hands before arriving at school, before food breaks, and regularly through the day.
- Follow instructions from teachers and school staff.
- Be respectful of teachers, school staff and your fellow students.

What we need from parents and carers

- Don't send your children to school if they are unwell.
- Follow our drop-off and pick-up instructions.
- Avoid coming onto school grounds unless absolutely necessary.
- Call or email ahead if you need to visit us.
- If onsite, practise good social distancing with other adults.



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