



Narrabri West Public School

...opportunities and challenges for our children

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Welcome back to Term 4

Our school has moved to operating under Level 3 conditions as part of our COVID-safe return to school roadmap.

This means all our students are back for face-to-face learning on site. The best learning environment for students is in the classroom and we are looking forward to Term 4.

At this time we will be re-establishing relationships and reconnecting as a class and school community.

Here's what our families and student can expect when returning to school sites under COVID-safe Level 3 conditions:

- Parents and carers will need to remain outside of school grounds and follow physical distancing and avoid gathering for drop-offs and pick-ups. Please do not enter the school grounds or come to the office or classrooms during the school day.
- Staff will be required to wear masks indoors and outdoors while on school grounds.
- We will reduce overall mingling of our different student years which means no school assemblies or sport (outside of existing PDHPE classes), excursions or field trips.
- Only essential visitors will be allowed on site and will be required to check-in and wear masks at all times.
- Canteens are open with appropriate hygiene measures in place. Lunches can be ordered using the MySchoolConnect App.
- The uniform room will not be opened. Uniforms can be ordered on the MySchoolConnect App and all orders will be sent home with students.
- There will be enhanced daily cleaning of the school and wherever possible we will ensure classrooms will be well-ventilated with open windows.
- Introduction of staggered breaks and reduced mingling of Stage groups.

We have worked closely with NSW Health in developing our return to school roadmap and COVID-safe school plan. NSW Health will continue to monitor vaccination rates and transmission levels in our LGA and will advise us if settings need re-evaluation.

We are continuing to work closely with NSW Health and other relevant authorities to support our school staff to receive 2 doses of a COVID-19 vaccination by 8 November. This will help protect our staff and students.

All students are expected - and will be supported - to return to school for face-to-face learning. While I know this may be an uncertain time for some students and parents I do encourage you to get in touch with us directly and visit the [Wellbeing for students and families page](#) for support materials.

Please have a look at the helpful tips for [primary students](#) to support them in preparing for their return to school.

Students can continue to be dropped off at the back gate. Mrs Nichols will be there to assist them onto the school grounds. Mrs Parker will be at the bus stop to direct students to their designated playground areas.

The pick up area will be near the hall. Please stay behind the marked off area when you collect your children at 3.25pm, wear a mask and maintain physical distancing.

If you have any concerns, please contact the school on 67922377. Further information can be accessed in the following link:

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

Your children's learning and wellbeing is still of the highest priority at Narrabri West Public School and your support is sincerely appreciated.

Thank you for your ongoing support. It has been wonderful to see our students and staff back in the classrooms.

Tania Nichols
Principal