

# COVID-safe operations for schools

Students return to face-to-face learning in staged cohorts. COVID-safe operations are maintained through high rates of staff and student vaccination, safe rostering and physical distancing.

## Department Preschools, Kindergarten & Year 1

18  
October

## All other years

25  
October

From 18 October, students sitting their HSC exams will be able to access their schools full-time for revision and study sessions.

## Drop-offs and pick-ups

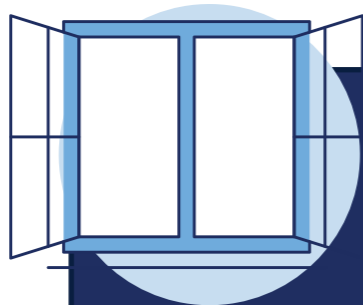


Drop-offs and pick-ups will be by staggered groups and all entrances and exits will be used to start and finish school days.

Please follow the physical distancing rules, avoid gathering outside gates, remain off school grounds and wear a mask. (some exceptions made for vulnerable students.)

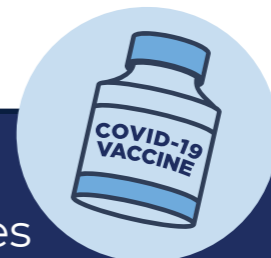
Try to stay in the car. This does not apply to (OOSHC). Sign-in procedures are required.

## Ventilation



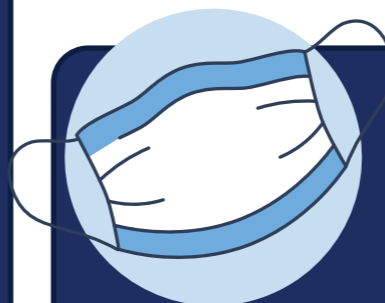
Open or well-ventilated spaces reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 because infectious particles are more quickly diffused in the open air than in spaces with less ventilation. Outdoor settings will be used where practicable.

## Vaccination



All adults on school sites must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, including employees, contractors, volunteers and essential visitors. Students aged 12 or above are now eligible for a COVID-19 vaccination. Parents and carers can book in a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine now.

## Masks



Masks will be required for all staff and all students

in Year 7 and above while they are indoors and outdoors on school sites unless eating or exercising. Masks are strongly recommended for primary students both indoors and outdoors unless eating or exercising. Students should bring their own masks where possible, but schools will have back-up supplies just in case. Masks are also required for all travel on public transport for children 13 years and older.

## Visitors



Only essential visitors are allowed on school sites. All visitors are required to wear a mask and sign-in using the Service NSW QR code when entering the school.

## Hand hygiene & cleaning



Students will be reminded to wash their hands often. Sanitisers, soaps, paper towels and other essential items will be readily available for students. Enhanced cleaning will continue on our school site.

Students should be at school from the date indicated for their year group unless they are unwell.