

10 September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Kingscliff High School Community Update – 10 September 2021

The current restrictions in the Tweed LGA will be eased as planned from 12:01am on Saturday 11 September 2021, meaning our school will move to operating under Level 3 conditions as part of our COVID-safe return to school roadmap

This means our students will be expected back for face-to-face learning on site from Monday 13 September 2021. The best learning environment for students is in the classroom and we are looking forward to welcoming back our staff and students for the remainder of this term.

This time will be invaluable in re-establishing relationships and reconnecting as a class and school community.

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

- Staff will be required to wear masks indoors and outdoors while on school grounds.
- Students Year 7 and above will also be required to wear masks indoors and outdoors 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.
- In order to reduce transitions and mingling of students we will be adopting a four period timetable structure. Please have students check their timetable via the Sentral portal over the weekend to allow them time to prepare for the lessons that they will have upon their return
- Year 11 will complete their exams at school next week and will otherwise stay at home, as is normally the case during exam periods. Next term, Year 11 will attend school every day, with an early finish on Wednesdays.
- Year 12 will attend school every day next week, and we very much hope they will attend school every day for the first three weeks of next Term, in the lead up to their HSC exams starting in Week 6 (9 November 2021).
- Only essential visitors will be allowed on site and will be required to check-in and wear masks at all times.
- Our Canteen will be open with appropriate hygiene measures in place.
- Parents and carers will need to remain outside of school grounds and follow physical distancing.
- There will be enhanced daily cleaning of the school and wherever possible we will ensure classrooms will be well-ventilated with open windows.
- Students in Years 7 to 10 are reminded that they will not be able to access their mobile phones during school hours, and will be expected to have their Yondr pouches.

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. For ongoing, up to date advice on the operational status of schools, the NSW school updates app can be downloaded onto your phone.

We are continuing to work closely with NSW Health and other relevant authorities to support our school staff to receive two (2) doses of a COVID-19 vaccination by 8 November 2021. 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 secondary students](#) to support them in preparing for their return to school.

I would like to thank all of our families for their support of their student's learning over the past few weeks, and look forward to seeing all students back at school on Monday.

Yours sincerely



Michael Hensley
Principal

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