



## ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL LITHGOW

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As announced by the NSW Premier last week, NSW schools have been informed that it is safe to begin a gradual return to school for our students as of Monday May 11th (Week 3). Our school Leadership Team has given a lot of thought as to how this plan may look in order to best accommodate all families, while also ensuring as much normality for our students as possible.

St Patrick's School will support our students to attend school for face-to-face classes **one day per week** during Weeks 3-5. Students will remain within their 2020 class groups wherever possible and will be taught face-to-face by their normal classroom teacher.

### Student return plan for Weeks 3-5:

Date to attend school	Classes Returning
<b>Tuesday:</b> 12th May 19th May 26th May	KO 1TF 2B (1) 3HD 4S(1) 5M 6S
<b>Thursday</b> 14th May 21st May 28th May	KME 2B (2) 3H 4S(2) 5F 6T

**Important information:**

- \* Those families who have children in classes on different days will be contacted by a member of our Leadership Team to go through the options, ie: if families wish for siblings to return on the same days then this will be arranged in consultation with parents.
- \* Our Year 2 and 4 classes will be split into two groups to enable the teachers to maintain social distancing and cleaning requirements throughout the day. These families will be notified of the day that their child will be required to attend school via a phone call from school.
- \* The children of essential workers will still be able to attend school as required on any days.
- \* At Home Learning via the Google Classroom platform will continue for students on the days that they are not attending face to face classes until further notice.
- \* Cleaning and hygiene protocols set out by the Australian Government Department of Health are being adhered to within the school at all times.
- \* Social distancing will continue to be enforced within the school environment.

**Things to remember for days at school:**

- \* Students are asked to bring their Home Learning Packs and own stationery to school with them on their allocated school days.
- \* Students must bring their own drink bottles - the bubblers will be closed.
- \* Winter school uniforms are to be worn on school days.
- \* Families are asked to continue using the Kiss and Drop Zone at the front of the school for morning drop off and the Coles and top gate walkers line for afternoon pick up.
- \* Adults are asked to only come into the school for essential business and it is advisable to ring the Office first.
- \* Our school canteen and uniform shop will both remain closed until further notice.
- \* Pre-Kinder classes remained cancelled until further notice.

Parents who are not comfortable for their children to return to school during Weeks 3-5 are required to continue with the supervision of Home Learning via Google Classroom. This learning platform will continue for all students until we advise otherwise.

**What will happen from Week 6?**

As we know, we cannot plan too far ahead during this time. The plan for Week 6 will be communicated as soon as we are able to make decisions based on the advice from the NSW Government and Catholic Schools NSW.

We once again thank parents for the incredible support you continue to give to your children and to our school. We eagerly await the return of our students, and indeed the return to normal school life for everyone. As always, please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions or concerns.

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St Patrick's School Leadership Team