

# YOUNG HIGH SCHOOL

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## COVID – 19 Guidelines Update & General Information 18/8/2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we continue to quickly move through Term 3 and adapt to the ongoing COVID climate, the Department of Education released yesterday updated advice for schools and families. The school will continue to operate in a way that is safe and appropriate in the current climate. We will make any necessary modifications to school operations as required.

### Key activities that have been re-scheduled include:

- Our Year 7 orientation has been delayed until term 4.
- The Year 12 graduation assembly has been moved to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October (Friday week 1 Term 4). At this stage the school cannot confirm if parents are permitted to attend, further information will be provided as it is available. The Year 12 formal has been rescheduled for after the HSC exams on 11/11/2020. This function will depend on guidelines and restrictions in place during this time.
- HSC exams and major work project due dates all remain unchanged. If students have any concerns in regards to their HSC exams and major works please discuss this with your teacher or alternatively go to the NESA website where detailed information is available.

#### School attendance:

Students should be at school unless:

- They have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe
- They are currently unwell

In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded **NOT** to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. The school will make arrangements for students who present as unwell or have flu like symptoms to be sent home.

NSW Health have requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics.

Students who have undergone a COVID-19 test and have flu-like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school. This can be done by taking a screenshot of the text message sent or a doctor certificate indicating the negative result. This needs to be provided to Ms Angela Noon prior to the student returning to school. Contact the school for further information, ph: 63821166 or via email: young-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

#### Hygiene

• Young High School continues to receive additional cleaning in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health.

- Students are encouraged to follow good hygiene practices such as:
  - Regularly washing hands
  - Avoid sharing drinks and food
  - Coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately
  - Filling water bottles from the bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly

#### School daily operations:

• Assemblies will remain virtual until further notice. These can be accessed from the school Facebook and webpage. The next virtual assembly will be in week 6 (Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August).

- Care will remain cancelled until further notice.
- School start and finish times remain the same 8.50am start and 3.14pm finish time.

• Parents/carers are not allowed on the school site. Please contact the school on 63821166 to discuss any concerns or for further information.

It has been a great start to term with students engaged with their learning and the opportunity to participate in various activities. We appreciate everyone's understanding during this pandemic as we continue to work together. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 63821166

Please see the department information provided at: <u>https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families</u>

Yours Sincerely,

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Anna Barker Acting Prncipal Date: 18/8/2020