



TERM 2 WELCOME BACK

Monday 27th April 2020

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter break and holidays.

The Premier and Minister for Education have announced a phased operating model for NSW schools during COVID-19. The new model will see students being reintroduced to some face-to-face learning at school starting from week 3. This information note outlines how Young High School will be working through the phased measures.

We will continue to update our school community each week through the school Facebook page, school website and Skoolbag app.

What does a managed return to school operations look like?

The phased approach to manage a return to full on campus face-to-face teaching sees students being reintroduced to some face-to-face learning in line with available health advice. The plan is phased, and flexible, allowing us to slowly bring schools back to normal while responding quickly to new spikes in transmission if they occur.

There are five phases to get us back to full onsite school operations:

- Phase 0. Where we currently are, schools are open for families who need it
- Phase 1. Students at school at least one day per week.
- Phase 2. Students at school at least two days per week.
- Phase 3. Students at school five days per week, with social distancing measures
- Phase 4. Students at school five days per week, with full school activities

For further information from the department go to: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

What will be the organisation for Term 2?

- **Phase 0** – Weeks 1 and 2 - Term 2 will begin as it finished in Term 1.
 - The majority of NSW students will be learning from home. Schools will be open and operational for students that need to attend but where practical, parents are encouraged to keep their children at home
 - All students have been sent an email with their Term 2 timetable. They will receive a completed timetable and a timetable that has blank spaces so they can choose to organise their own time while learning from home.
- **Phase 1** – starting week 3 Monday 11th May – Students at school at least one day per week and learn from home on the other days.
 - Families are encouraged to keep their child/ren home for the rest of the week wherever possible.
 - Specific days will vary and the school is currently finalising the model to be used during this time.
 - Families will be updated in regards to the organisation for YHS once it is finalised.

How will Young High School facilitate Learning from Home in Term 2?

- Students will continue to work on the platforms they were working on at the end of Term 1.
- Work will be available in the following formats:
 - **Google Classroom:** class teachers will upload learning tasks for the week prior to the scheduled first session of each week.
 - **Printed work packages:** for students who have limited or no internet and/or device access, work packs will be available which will include the printed tasks for each subject. A USB with any required resources will also be provided with each pack. The USB is NOT for completed tasks by the student it is to access resources such as text; video clips; audio files etc. to complete learning tasks at home.
 - **Education Perfect:** (online platform) which many students used at school prior to at home learning. This is a platform where students can complete activities as requested by their class teacher.
 - **Zoom live sessions:** Starting in week 2 Term 2, Zoom live sessions will start for all students. These will be a learning check-in for students with their teachers. Information on when and how these will operate have been emailed to students.
- Students will be able to continue to communicate with their teachers through the Google classroom and via email starting Wednesday 29th April 2020.
- Parents can continue to communicate with class teachers through email or by contacting the school.
- Families will receive fortnightly contact from a staff member at YHS to check in on how learning at home is going.
- Class teachers will contact parents throughout the term as required.

When will students be expected to commence learning again?

- Students will be expected to begin learning on Wednesday 29th April 2020.
- Students can access their Google classroom accounts and work will be uploaded to these as of Wednesday 29th April.
 - Students requiring work packs can collect them from the school office from **Wednesday 29th April 2020**.
- For students requiring a work pack please contact the school via phone (63821166) or the school email young-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au prior to coming in for collection. This will allow the packs to be organised and ready for distribution. If using email to request a work pack please provide the following information:
 - In the email subject line of the email write: STUDENT NAME – YEAR - WORK PACK REQUIRED.
 - In the email message please outline if your child has access to a computer/laptop as we have resources provided on USB for students to access.
 - This email will then be forwarded to the appropriate person to coordinate and organise the pack.
- Alternatively, packs can be mailed out to families.

Staggering start and end of the school day?

- Starting from Wednesday 29th April students who walk to school or are picked up by parent/carers will depart school at 3pm.
- Bus students or students who cannot be collected at 3pm by parents or carers will be supervised in the AWS from 3.00pm until 3.20pm.
- The school day starts at 8.50 for all students attending school. This will allow time for students to be organised and ready to start their learning at 9am.

How will student attendance be monitored?

- During phase 0 (weeks 1 and 2) attendance will be recorded as follows:
 - Parents/Carers who indicated their child/ren would be learning from home in Term 1, this will be assumed for phase 0 that these circumstances will remain unchanged.
 - Students who were in attendance at the end of Term 1 will be expected to notify the school if there is any change as the school will expect these students to be in attendance during phase 0.
 - Any changes to your Term 1 attendance please notify and inform the school via phone 63821166 or email.

Hygiene Practices

Students are encouraged and expected to practice good hygiene practices by:

- Washing their hands frequently with soap and water before and after eating and after going to the toilet
- Covering their nose and mouth when they cough or sneeze
- Avoid touching your face
- Limit physical contact when greeting people
- Limit physical contact in the playground.

Will the school canteen open?

- During weeks 1 and 2 (Phase 0) there will be no canteen facility in operation. Students are required to bring their own food and drink during phase 0.
- Further information will be provided in regards to canteen availability in phase 1.