



5th October 2021

Dear Glennaeon Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 4! We commence this new term with great anticipation for our return to school and in person learning, and look ahead to the lifting of restrictions at the end of the year.

We are working with Health NSW guidelines, and our peak body AIS NSW (the Association of Independent Schools), to ensure we have the most current information and guidance in preparing our plans. Our Executive Risk Management team has been working through the break time to ensure our COVID-19 Safety Plan, and our return to school arrangements, are all at the highest level to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

Remote Learning from October 6th

The remote learning timetables as per the Term 3 schedule will commence Wednesday October 6th for all students, and will continue for each year level until the return dates below. During the remote period, the school is open for students who need to be at school as per the term 3 criteria. If you wish to book your child in for attendance, please email absence@glenaeon.nsw.edu.au.

High school students will commence tomorrow morning with Year level meetings to welcome students and provide an orientation to the term ahead. Please ensure your child attends the following sessions before formal lessons begin:

- Year 7: 9 am
- Years 8-12: 8:45 am

Return to School Schedule:

We look forward to a return to on campus learning and our return to school plan is as follows:

- October 18th Week 3: Kindergarten, Class 1, Year 12
- October 25th Week 4: Class 2, 6, Year 11
- November 1st Week 5: Classes 3 - 5, Years 7-10.

Attendance:

We are planning for all year levels to resume learning in person from these dates. We will not be continuing remote learning for a year level after that Class or Year's

return date. However, if for any reason your child will be unable to return immediately, we will provide learning materials.

Year 12:

In Weeks 1 and 2, Year 12 will continue with an amended Zoom timetable and voluntary afternoon attendance on campus for in person sessions. During Week 3 from October 18th on campus lessons will be available with afternoons off. Stuvac will be in place until the HSC commences on November 9th, where the MMG Hall at Castlecrag will be the dedicated exam centre. Detailed timetables for this period will be sent to all Year 12 families separately.

Vaccinations:

The current Public Health Order in force in NSW has mandated double COVID-19 vaccination for all school staff, except for those with a medical exemption based on contraindications, and we are complying with this requirement. All staff will be vaccinated by November 8th, or earlier if on site.

NSW Health has recommended students aged over 12 receive the COVID-19 vaccination, based on consultation with your GP and with parent consent. If your child has received a vaccination we ask that you inform the school by replying on this online form [HERE](#). As with all student records, this information is stored confidentially, complying with privacy legislation.

Face Masks:

The PHO has mandated the wearing of face masks indoors for staff and high school students. They are recommended for students outside but need not be worn for recreation.

Ventilation:

We have conducted a review of every classroom and learning space on our campuses to ensure we have appropriate ventilation in place to limit the spread of COVID-19. The natural bushland setting of our Middle Cove campus, and the open spaces of Castlecrag are major advantages at this time, providing a continuous flow of healthy, natural air currents. Teachers use outdoor settings for learning as a matter of course at Glenaeon, and we will be encouraging all teachers to maximise their outdoor lessons.

Physical Distancing:

It is understood that physical distancing in schools is a challenge, particularly for younger years. We are considering a number of strategies to minimise mixing between a wide range of year levels, and these details will be provided nearer the resumption of in person schooling. Shared spaces such as corridors and locker rooms will be managed to minimise contact.

Transport and School Buses:

All school Buses will resume on Monday November 1st. High school students are expected to wear face masks on all public transport and on school buses.

Gentle Café:

The Gentle Café at Middle Cove will resume on November 1st. There will be staggered times for different year levels, and physical distancing in place at the counter and in lunch areas.

Level 3 Plus Restrictions

- Non-essential visitors are not permitted on site: this restriction will include parents. Essential visitor must be vaccinated, use the QR check in and wear a face mask
- Drop offs and picks ups: parents are not to come on site. If meeting a child at the gate, please do not congregate and maintain physical distancing.

Hygiene and Cleaning

Additional daily cleaning will continue, with high touch surfaces cleaned during the day. Water bubblers will be closed, though water refill stations will be open and students are recommended to bring their own water bottle for filling. Hand sanitizers will also be available in every classroom and students are required to use them each lesson.

COVID-19 Symptoms

Students should not attend if they have any of the COVID symptoms, or are feeling unwell. If so please notify the school and arrange for a COVID-19 test. Students should not return until they receive a negative test and no longer have symptoms, and after notifying the school of the result. For any student who develops symptoms during the day, they will be admitted to the Sick Bay and we will notify the parent to take them home and be tested.

We look forward to commencing Term 4 tomorrow October 6th, for what we all hope are the final few weeks of remote learning. Even with all these restrictions, we eagerly await the return of students to our campuses later in the term. We are committed to ensuring their safety while ensuring they resume all the normal activities that make life worth living.

Thank you for the patience. It has been a long journey this year, and on behalf of all our teachers and staff, I thank you for your good will and support.

With best wishes, and stay safe,



Andrew Hill
Head of School