

Bossley Park High School

Return to school Level 3 plus

Information current as at 15 October 2021

Developed in partnership with NSW Health



Acknowledgement of Country



I acknowledge that I am hosting this virtual assembly from the lands of the Darug Nation. I also acknowledge the Ongoing Custodians of the various lands on which you are all calling in from today and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people participating in this assembly and throughout our school community.

What we'll cover in this session

Term 4 return to school



- Key dates
- COVID-safe practices at our school
- Vaccinations
- HSC
- Where to find out more
- Student Wellbeing services
- Questions and answers

What you need to know about our return to school in Term 4

We're excited about our return to face-to-face learning and welcoming students and staff back onsite where we know the best learning happens.

We are taking a layered-approach to ensuring our school is safe for our staff and students.

Our guidance was developed with NSW Health and is evidence-based to give us multiple layers of protection.

COVID-safe operations for schools

Department preschools, Kindergarten & Year 1	All other years
18 October	25 October

The infographic also includes icons for: open windows, hand hygiene, COVID-19 vaccine, school building, face mask, and a health check card.

Key dates for our staged return

It's important that we stick to the staged return to give us time to be ready to welcome back students onsite. Students will return to face-to-face learning in the following order

- from 18 October – HSC students only
- from 25 October – all remaining year groups (Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11).



Primary school students return

Department preschools, Kindergarten & Year 1

18 October

Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

25 October

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Secondary school students return

HSC Students

18 October

Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11

25 October

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Vaccinations

COVID-19 vaccination is the best protection against severe illness and also reduces the risk of spreading it to others.

All staff required on site supporting the return to school will need to be fully vaccinated from 18 October.

Then from 8 November all staff, contractors, volunteers and prac teachers on a school site will need to be fully vaccinated.



Keeping student groups together

As we return to school students will be kept in their cohorts to minimise opportunities for transmission of COVID-19 and to enable effective contact tracing and containment.

This means minimising interaction between students on school grounds and keeping cohorts together where possible.

Before/Arrival at School:

yr7/8 - start 9.00am and stay in quad/canteen shelter before school

yr9/10 - start 8.50am and stay in grass/shelter area behind Library before school

yr11- start 8.40am and stay in Learning Centre grass area before school or Library

yr12 - start 8.40am, scan QR code and stay in MPC only before school

Monday: Seniors - 10.00am late start

Juniors - 9.20am normal start

Front and pre-school gates in use.

Recess and Lunch:

Same as before school locations. Students must not venture to other locations. PGD roster to reflect locations being used.

Wet Weather: year 7: Basketball court 1 **year 8:** Basketball court 2 **year 9:** lower A Block Sp Ed side **year 10:** lower A Block Maths side

year 11: upper A Block between History and Social Science staffrooms.

Toilets:

yr7/8 Home Ec Block; yr11- Science Block; yr12 MPC

yr9 A Block (Sp Ed side); yr10 A Block (Maths side)



Keeping student groups together

Canteen:

Current line structure to remain but with line markings on the ground to keep 1.5m spacings. Encourage the use of fast pass (pre-order and pick up system) heavily with students.

Library:

Each cohort will have a specific area of the Library to access at different times of the day. Seniors will have daily access before school, breaks and study periods. Yr 7/9 will have daily access at recess 1 and 2 while yr 8/10 will have daily access at lunch 1 and 2.



Basketball Courts and Oval:

These areas are in use of lunch only for the year groups specified each day.

Volleyball only on the courts at this stage.

Roster for each cohort to use these areas on a rotational basis daily.

Oval to be line marked to section off cohort specific areas.

Leaving/after school:

yr 7/8 - 3.00pm;

yr9/10 - 2.50pm:

yr11/12: 2.40pm

Front and Pre-school gates in use.

Keeping student groups together

Changerooms:

Students will be able to wear Sport uniform to school on days they have PE/Sport/PASS lessons. Students must bring school shoes with them to change into for any practical lessons in other subjects on that day. This arrangement will be reviewed weekly based on DoE advice.

CLASSROOMS:

Entry - hand sanitiser, mask on correctly, windows open

Exit - spray and wipe down desks/school equipment.

Communication:

Week 3

- school assemblies on Friday to unpack the return to school roadmap and google classroom posts.

Week 4 onwards

- sentral notices weekly and daily.
- signage around the school with full rosters/cohort areas including Library/Toilets use.
- daily signage on basketball courts and oval which cohort can access these areas.



Mask wearing for students and staff



Masks

Masks will be required indoors for all staff and students

Year 7 and above and masks are strongly recommended indoors for primary school students. Students should bring their own masks where possible, but schools will have back-up supplies just in case. Masks are also required for all travel on public transport for children 13 year and older.

Masks are required to be worn on school site by staff indoors and strongly recommended for students indoors unless exercising or eating.

Where practical, students in Year 7 or above travelling on Assisted School Travel services should be encouraged to wear a mask. However, in line with [Public Health \(COVID-19 Additional Restrictions for Delta Outbreak\) Order](#)

External link

(No 2) 2021, students who are identified as having a physical or mental illness or condition, or disability that makes mask wearing unsuitable are exempt from wearing masks.

As per current advice, all drivers and Assisted Travel Support Officers are required to wear a mask while in or around Assisted School Travel vehicles.



Tips on wearing a mask



Children can wear small cloth or surgical masks when leaving home, including going to school

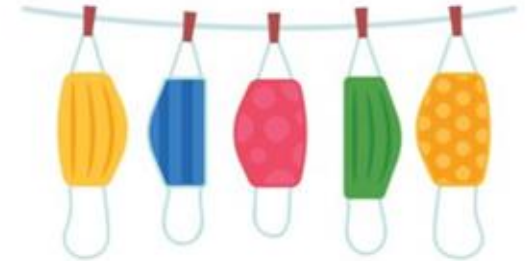


You can remove your mask when eating or exercising

Try not to touch your face while wearing your mask



Use a clean mask every day. Do not reuse single-use masks



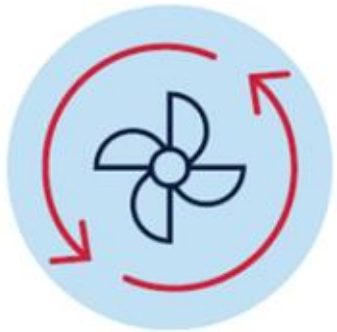
Wash and dry reusable masks after use and store in a clean, dry place

Wash or sanitise your hands before putting on or taking off your mask



Ventilation

Having open or well-ventilated spaces reduces the risk of transmission of COVID-19 because infectious particles are more quickly diffused in the open air.



Our school has had a ventilation audit and will be ready by the 25th October. Many of our classrooms are already fitted with the Cooler Classrooms air conditioners which bring in fresh air and have built in Co2 monitors.

Teachers will keep windows and doors open for cross ventilation.



**Remember
to open your
windows and
doors**

This space is naturally
ventilated.

Further information and questions

All of our students are expected to be back at school for their staggered return dates. After this date we will only be supporting learning from home where this is required by NSW Health to do so.

Parents and students will be notified if a decision is made to close the school due to a confirmed case of COVID-19. During this time we will continue to provide learning from home activities and we will let you know when we can return to face-to-face learning [via email to all parents and messages on our website](#).

Find updated information on the department's Advice for families page to support students who are anxious about the return to school – or get in touch with us directly.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

Wellbeing

Nick Zantiras

Welcome back!

What has happened?

- Please thank your Year Advisers for your cohort Google Classrooms being up to date, engaging and an avenue which was easy to communicate via.
- Thank you for all of your questions, support, updates etc. It makes our job much easier.
- Getting involved in our Wellbeing activities
- School Counsellors and Student Support Officers still working with their caseload and making contact via phone/zoom
- Whole School Zooms reaching 300+ students on numerous occasions

Wellbeing

Nick Zantiras

Welcome back!

What is happening now?

- Principal, Deputy Principals, HT Wellbeing and Year Advisers will be conducting whole school Zoom's on Friday - Year 7 + 8 Period 2, Years 9-11 Period 3.
- School Counsellors and Student Support Officers are back on site. Please get in early to make a booking or referral. If urgent, contact Mr. Zantiras ASAP.
- YA pastoral care follow up for our students of concern.
- Wellbeing online resource/support Hub continues and communicated to students
- Any questions - Contact your Year Advisers or myself.

Head Teacher Wellbeing

INTRODUCING

Head Teacher Wellbeing



NAME: Mr Zantiras

INTERESTS: Sports
Watching movies
Listening to music

FAVOURITE SONG: Old school RNB

SELF-CARE ACTIVITY: Go for a walk
Listen to music

ADVICE FOR WHEN YOU ARE FEELING STRESSED OR OVERWHELMED:

Take a breath and think to yourself: what advice would you give to your friends in this situation? Then take your own advice.

Student Support Officers

INTRODUCING

Student Support Officer



NAME: Orhai

INTERESTS: Going on any type of adventure, from walking to driving or exploring different places

FAVOURITE SONG: Anything that boosts my mood

SELF-CARE ACTIVITY: Going for a walk
Watching my favourite movie with a face mask and bowl of popcorn

ADVICE FOR WHEN YOU ARE FEELING STRESSED OR OVERWHELMED:

Write a to do list, get regular exercise, practice deep breathing, meditate, get plenty of sleep and do things that you enjoy doing or make you happy.

INTRODUCING

Student Support Officer



NAME: Jay

INTERESTS: Meeting people, Sport and fitness, Reading, Watermelon, Tea and Bunnings commercials.

FAVOURITE SONG: Ahhh a variety, the soundtrack of life, is full of variety and forever changing haha.

SELF-CARE ACTIVITY: Preventative care, Fuel your body, Stay Hydrated, Sun, Sleep and Self-acceptance.

ADVICE FOR WHEN YOU ARE FEELING STRESSED OR OVERWHELMED:

Be present, acknowledge how you feel.
Listen to your Head, Heart and your Gut.

School Counsellors

INTRODUCING *School Counsellor*



NAME: Julianne

INTERESTS: Cooking
Art
Video games

FAVOURITE SONG: Pick Me by Wafia

SELF-CARE ACTIVITY: Cooking (unsurprisingly)
Going for a long walk
Doing a face mask

ADVICE FOR WHEN YOU ARE FEELING STRESSED OR OVERWHELMED:

Take a minute for yourself and use all your sense to notice all the beautiful things around you!

INTRODUCING *School Counsellor*



NAME: Shirley

INTERESTS: Reading, hiking
Biking
Board games

FAVOURITE SONG: Depth Over Distance by Ben Howard (but ask me next week and that could be different)

SELF-CARE ACTIVITY: Writing in my journal

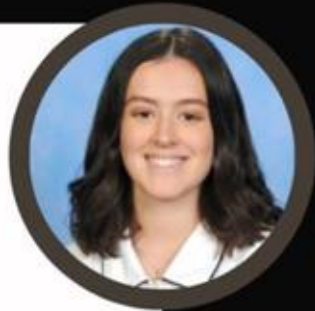
ADVICE FOR WHEN YOU ARE FEELING STRESSED OR OVERWHELMED:

I feel stressed or overwhelmed when my brain is trying to keep track of too many things at one. I cope with this by making a list of everything on my plate, choosing one or two priorities, and then telling myself, "C'mon Shirley, you got this!" ☑

Farewell to our 2021 School Captains

FAREWELL TO OUR 2021 STUDENT LEADERS

Sophia Simic



Role:
School Captain

Subjects Studied:
Advanced English, Ancient History, Modern History
Legal Studies, History Extension, English Extension 1 & 2

Plans after school:
Go to university and travel a ton

Hobbies:
Reading, watching films, listening to music

Best study snack:
Sushi

*Follow your goals and passions, and remember that school
is not the "be-all-and-end-all" so don't put too much
pressure on yourself :)*

FAREWELL TO OUR 2021 STUDENT LEADERS

Alexander Wood



Role:
School Captain

Subjects Studied:
Mathematics Extension 2, Mathematics Extension 1
Physics, Advanced English, Advanced Mathematics
Software Design and Development

Plans after school:
I plan to study Electrical Engineering or Space Engineering,
and hopefully change the world.

Hobbies:
Watching Formula 1, riding my bike, and the gym.

Best study snack:
Milo and Nutri Grain Bars

*I'd like to thank the teachers and students for all the
support we received as leaders of the school, and I know
the new captains will do an excellent job. I hope life returns
to normal soon, and I wish the Bossley staff, students and
families all the best for 2022 and beyond.*

Farewell to our 2021 School Vice Captains

FAREWELL TO OUR 2021 STUDENT LEADERS

Monique Di Maria



Role:
Vice Captain

Subjects Studied:
English Advanced, Legal Studies, PDHPE
Ancient History, Community and Family Studies

Plans after school:
I have a few ideas (real estate, property evaluation or psychologist); but I'm not set on anything yet.

Hobbies:
Painting, sport, gym

Best study snack:
Banana chips or pistachios

It's okay not knowing what you want to do or who you want to be. Things take time, effort and a lot of change so be patient with yourself :)

FAREWELL TO OUR 2021 STUDENT LEADERS

Robert Melisi



Role:
Vice Captain

Subjects Studied:
Standard English, General Maths, Music
Photography, VET Entertainment

Plans after school:
I will actually be returning to BPHS at the end of my exams as the new TSO (Technical Support Officer)

Hobbies:
Gaming, playing cricket, watching movies,
listening to music

Best study snack:
Cheese, apple and crackers

*Thank you for allowing me to be your Vice Captain in 2021!
It has been an absolute pleasure leading the school and being the student's voice! Remember- believe in yourself, never give up and you will accomplish many things in life.*

2022 School Captains



SCHOOL CAPTAIN

CARINA CAMMARERI


NICKNAME CC or Carini

SUBJECTS Advanced English, Standard Maths, PDHPE, Community and Family Studies, Business Studies, Society and Culture

HOBBIES Singing, reading, bike riding, watching TV shows

FAVOURITE SONG Mystify by INXS

ADVICE Don't take everything too seriously!
Do your best and that is enough.



SCHOOL CAPTAIN

LUKE DIMARZIO

NICKNAME My name is already short enough :)

SUBJECTS Standard English, Standard Maths, PDHPE, Biology, Chemistry, Industrial Technology- Furniture


HOBBIES Playing tennis and making short films

FAVOURITE SONG Whatever fits the moment

ADVICE Don't do things simple because everyone is doing them- always do things you are passionate about.



2022 Vice Captains



VICE CAPTAIN

HAYLEY ROSS



NICKNAME Rossdog

SUBJECTS Standard English, Standard Maths, PDHPE, Society and Culture, Ancient History, Photography

HOBBIES Listening to music and sleeping

FAVOURITE SONG I literally live on Spotify so I can't decide :/

ADVICE Don't say "I'll do it tomorrow", you know you won't! Live in the moment, get it done!



VICE CAPTAIN

LOGAN SHARPE


NICKNAME Sharpie or Logez (low-gs)

SUBJECTS Advanced English, Standard Maths, PDHPE, Legal Studies, Business Studies, Biology

HOBBIES Rugby league, going to the gym, watching Netflix and of course, playing FIFA with the boys

FAVOURITE SONG Ayo by Chris Brown & Tyga

ADVICE Enjoy all the laughs and good times with your friends while you can. Before you know it, you'll be walking out of our school gates for the very last time.



Canteen

Revised menu

Canteen will be operational from 25th of October opening at 8.30am.

Lunch orders can be made before school or at recess one or two.

There will be a smaller limited menu in operation till the end of the year.

Questions?

Please type any questions in the chat or raise your hand and unmute when called upon.

