



Hilliard Christian School

Returning to onsite learning

Parent & Student Information



Return to School Plans

Adventist Schools Tasmania has welcomed the Government's announcement that students will be returning to school campuses, including Hilliard Christian School, over the next few weeks. We appreciate their careful consideration of all the relevant contributing factors and the consultation with health authorities.

We will be moving to face-to-face delivery for Kindergarten, Prep and Years 1 to 6 classes at school on 25 May, while others will continue with off-site learning. On 9 June, Years 7 through to 10 will move to face-to-face delivery. The government has stated that from this date on no distance education will be offered except for students who are considered vulnerable due to verified health concerns. All other students who don't attend school after this date will be marked absent and will be followed up as per our absentee process.

As always, please contact the school or your child's teacher if you have any concerns or questions.

Key Dates

Up until Friday, 22 May 2020

- Students continue to learn from home, supported by parents and carers, using resources provided, from study packs or online..
- The school will continue to be open for those students who cannot be supervised or supported to learn at home.

Monday, 25 May: Years K - 6 return to school full-time

- Kindergarten: Mrs Pritchard
- Prep: Mrs Robertson
- Year 1: Mrs McAndrew
- Years 2 & 3: Mrs Jacobson
- Year 4: Mrs Littlewood
- Year 5: Mrs Callaghan
- Year 6: Miss Baker

Tuesday, 9 June: All other students return to school.

Supervision of Students Essential Workers etc

On-campus supervision will continue for all students of essential workers or who cannot be supported in their learning at home.

From 9 June, all classes will be run from the school.

Canteen

The canteen will recommence on Tuesday, 26 May. All food must be ordered; there will be no over-the-counter sales.

Buses

Buses will start their regular timetables from 25 May. The drivers will expect their regular passengers as per the Key Dates.

Parents need to communicate with their driver if their child will not be travelling on the bus on any day. As much as possible we will be practising social distancing as best we can on the buses.

Assessments

Primary students' assessments will be ongoing throughout the rest of the term once the students return to on-campus face-to-face learning.

Secondary students assessments will be adjusted to maximise face-to-face teaching.

Safety Measures in Place

- Social distancing measures will be in place for all adults, including office arrangements and staffroom spaces.
- Students may be asked to play in designated areas to prevent crowding.
- Cleaning schedules will be escalated.
- Bubblers will be out-of-bounds. Please make sure that your child brings a water bottle to school.
- Parents have the option of providing their own lab coats and art smocks (otherwise students will share)
- Students will be instructed to wash hands frequently with soap and water or hand sanitiser, before and after eating, after going to the toilet, and at the beginning and end of recess and lunch.
- Students will be instructed to cover their coughs and sneezes, dispose of tissues, and use alcohol-based hand sanitiser or soap and water for handwashing after sneezing.

- Surfaces that are frequently touched will be cleaned regularly.
- Please keep your child home if they are sick—coughs, sneezes, temperatures, runny nose or cold & flu symptoms.. The school may do random temperature checks and if a child does have a temperature the parents will be contacted and asked to pick their child up.

Hygiene

Everyone can protect themselves and prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) by continuing effective hand hygiene. Enhanced hygiene measures will continue during the return to on-site teaching and learning.

- Students will be instructed to wash hands frequently with soap and water or hand sanitiser, before and after eating, and after going to the toilet.
- Students will be instructed to cover their coughs and sneezes in their elbow, dispose of tissues, and use alcohol-based hand sanitiser or soap and water for regular handwashing.

All staff and students are reminded to clean their phones daily. No student mobile phones are allowed in classrooms as per school policy.

Sport and Recreation

- Playground equipment can be used, however, students will be directed to practise hand hygiene before and after use.
- Outdoor facilities will be preferred for the purpose of physical education and recreational play. Where indoor facilities need to be used, we will limit the number of students.
- Non-contact sports will be encouraged.
- Hand hygiene must be practised before and after use of any sporting equipment.

Cleaning

We will be working with the cleaners to escalate our regular cleaning schedule and ensure that strict standards are maintained.

Protocols for Return

Water Bottles

Each child **MUST** bring their own water bottle to school. This will eliminate the use of public bubblers. Please ensure that their water bottle is clearly named.

Mobile Phones

Students with mobile phones must **not** bring them into class (this is already a policy). Please remind your child to wipe down their mobile phone daily.

Uniform

Students are to wear winter uniform. If you need to order uniform items, please contact Kavita at the reception desk.

Health-care plans

If there are any changes to your child's health and they have a new or updated health care plan, this must be handed in at the school office before the child returns on campus.

Car drop-offs

- Parents only enter school grounds if absolutely necessary. All parents are to keep a distance of at least 1.5 metres between people & avoid queuing.
- We are asking parents to drop and pick up their child without getting out of their car (parents remain in cars and leave promptly).
- No students dropped off before 8:15 am Mon-Fri

When arriving on campus

- We will be limiting entry into the school as far as possible.
- Temperature checks may be conducted for all who enter school buildings - students, teachers, and all non-teaching staff and public members.
- There will be regular reminders from staff regarding hygiene practices.
- Any child who has a cold, sniffles or a high temperature is to be kept at home
- Any sick child will be sent home immediately. **Please do not send your child to school if they are sick or have an elevated temperature.**

At the end of the school day

We will be trialling and evaluating end of school pickup routines. If you are picking up your child at the end of the day, we ask that you arrive at school after 3:00 pm. We will publish pick-up plans prior to students returning to school. It is important that you do not leave your vehicle; your children will be directed to you.

Campus visitors

Enrolment visits and inquiries will be conducted remotely or organised before or after school hours.

Sickbay

We will minimise the use of the sickbay to prevent any potential spread of illnesses. If you suspect that your child may be unwell, do not send them to school. If your child becomes ill during the day, they will be sent home immediately. We appreciate your assistance with a prompt pick up.

Return of Equipment and books

All school books and equipment will need to be returned on the first day your child comes to school - 25 May or 9 June. This is particularly important for students from Years 4 to 6 who have borrowed a school device or who have had their books sent home.

Library

To run as per normal although social distancing measures will be in place.

Playgroup

Little Wallabies will not be running at least for the rest of Term 2.

Key Events

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Teachers will be writing reports over the next few weeks. We will be investigating the best way to communicate with you about student achievement during this term. This may involve online meetings or delaying it into Term 3 subject to public health advice. Parents will be informed of how parent-teacher interviews will take place closer to the time.

Q&A

1. Will my child need to attend school from the allocated date?

Yes. Once students resume school-based learning, they will no longer be supported by their school with learning at home. It is not possible for a teacher to offer quality face-to-face teaching and online teaching at the same time.

Once we return to school, current off-site learning arrangements will cease

Students who do not return after this date will be considered absent and may need to be followed up further.

2. What if my child is unable to attend school due to being vulnerable due to COVID-19 Health Concerns?

In these situations, your child will still continue to be supported by schools with their learning at home. As is currently the case, parents will be required to communicate with the school about the child's absence from school. When you contact the school with this information you should also discuss the support the school can provide to assist you with your child's learning at home.

You should also provide some form of medical documentation to support this if you haven't already done so.

3. Is it safe for students to return to school?

The decision to return to school through a phased approach is informed by public health advice.

Regardless of the low risk that data indicates schools pose, the school will still put in a variety of health measures, including maintaining strict hygiene protocols.

4. Are visitors allowed on campus?

Parents are being strongly encouraged to keep their distance from schools to assist with social distancing. Only those adults who need to come into school for essential purposes will be permitted.

If for any reason you need to visit with administration, please contact the school and make an appointment, preferably after school. Where possible, please make by video conference, by phone or by making the appointment after school.

5. Will there be parent-teacher interviews?

We will be investigating the best way to communicate with you about student achievement during this term. This may involve online meetings or delaying it into Term 3 subject to public health advice.

6. If someone in my household is tested positively for Covid-19, do I inform the school?

Yes! It is very important that you let us know immediately via phone. Please do not attend the school site.

7. What will happen if someone at school tests positive for the virus?

We have an emergency management plan in place and will be in close contact with the relevant Government agencies to coordinate a response. At a minimum, the school would be immediately closed for three days while a deep-cleaning procedure takes place. Parents and Health Authorities would be notified immediately, in line with government protocols. Affected people will be required to self-isolate. The school will not reopen until clearance is given by the appropriate Health Authority

School Contacts

Enquiry	Contact
A class program, subject, assignment, assessment or resource	Individual subject/classroom teachers via email - firstname.lastname@hilliard.adventist.edu.au
A minor personal or social concern	Classroom Teachers - firstname.lastname@hilliard.adventist.edu.au
A significant personal or social emotional concern	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Psychologist—Donna Shepherd 6272 1711 or donna.shepherd@hilliard.adventist.edu.au• Chaplain—Pr Daniel Matteo 0421 856 790 or danielmatteo@adventist.org.au
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