



COVID-19

Return to School 2020

STAGE THREE

1. When will classes resume?

- Tuesday 21 July – Term 3: All Classes resume for Early Learning to Year 12

2. Is it expected that students will attend school from the start of Term 3?

Yes, all students are required to attend school in Term 3; the College is no longer allowed to provide distance-based education from the commencement of Term 3. Any students not attending will be treated as “unauthorised” absences unless appropriate reason and/or documentation is provided as per the Education Act 2017. If students are unwell, the College must be advised in the usual way.

3. What does Stage Three mean for students/staff?

Schools are identified as safe places for students and staff, and evidence suggests that they present low risk in relation to the spread of COVID-19 provided the following guidelines are adhered to:

- Students and staff who are unwell **must not** attend school, especially if experiencing the symptoms of COVID-19 i.e. fever, cough, runny nose, tiredness, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell etc or any flu-like symptoms.
- Adults are requested **not** to gather in and around school grounds, car parks, entrances and outside classrooms.
- Social distancing of 1.5 metres is required by all adults.
- Public Health advice is that social distancing between children is not required in schools provided they are well. However, for extra precaution, social distancing will still be encouraged where practical, provided it does not impact on education provision. All members of the school community are at all times to refrain from any form of physical contact, e.g. greetings, gestures, hugs, handshakes.
- Students and staff will continue to engage in regular effective handwashing and hygiene protocols, including regularly washing hands with soap and water or using hand sanitiser and covering coughs and sneezes.

4. How will SOC monitor people gathering e.g. before and after school?

It is very important that parents and carers observe social distancing and hygiene protocols when picking up and dropping off students. **Advice is that the biggest risk of transmission of COVID-19 on school sites is from adults congregating at entry/exit points.**

5. Can parents go into school?

Adults are recognised as one of the highest risk factors in the spread of COVID-19 and therefore, parents should only come onto the Campus when a specific appointment has been made or advertised invitation events have been made in advance. Therefore, only those adults who are invited on to College grounds for essential purposes will be allowed onsite. School drop-offs and pickups will continue to be at specific school entry points. For younger students, staff will receive them directly from parents/carers and ensure a direct staff to parent/carer handover at designated gates. Students that need to leave the campus during the day can be collected from campus Receptions or other designated areas.

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6. Will temperatures be monitored?

In-line with advice from Public Health, the College will not be conducting wide-scale temperature checking of students/staff as there is limited evidence to demonstrate the value of such checks. However, if the temperature of a student/staff member does need to be checked, the school has a supply of non-touch thermometers at dedicated first aid areas of the College.

7. How can schools be sure there are enough hygiene products?

The College has an appropriate store of hygiene products, sourced by various suppliers, such as hand wash and sanitiser and surface sprays, and will continue their use throughout Term 3.

8. Change rooms and HPE

On the Penquite Campus – change rooms are now available for HPE lessons and sporting competitions. On the Elphin Campus – students may continue to wear their full sports uniform on the days they have timetabled HPE or sport.

9. Locker Areas

Locker areas at Penquite will have entry and exit points and students will need to wait until there is room to enter. Witches hats and crosses on the floor will mark the waiting areas. Bag areas at Elphin will be overseen by class teachers.

10. Tuckshop, Canteen, Café 8, RDSSC Café, Laneway and drinking fountains

Café areas will continue to be closed for all of Term 3 for Middle School and Senior School areas. However, the Penquite Tuckshop and Elphin Canteen will be open in a limited capacity early in Term 3. This will be for pre-ordering and pre-paying for lunch orders only. Specific details regarding the online ordering process for the Tuckshop/Canteen will be circulated shortly. Students should continue to bring all pre-prepared food to school unless the intention is to pre-order lunch at the Tuckshop/Canteen. There will be no microwaves or sandwich presses available during this time. The Laneway Café and all drinking fountains are not able to be used. Students are also not able to share food at any time.

11. Will there be camps, assemblies, co-curricular activities and excursions?

Individual reviews and management plans are being developed to facilitate the re-introduction of co-curricular activities on a case by case basis. Based on Public Health advice, a number of activities will occur during Term 3:

- Assemblies, WAVE, LIVE@Elphin, and Connect@Elphin etc will be re-introduced subject to density guidelines i.e. no more than 250 people or 2 square metres per person, whichever is the smaller.
- School sport (as guided by Level C of AIS framework for 'rebooting sport'), selected music, camps and excursions.

This will be monitored and reviewed as required and parents will receive specific information relating to their child/ren's individual activities.

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12. Will it be safe to travel on buses?

Yes, our buses are an essential service and bus operators will continue to ensure buses are cleaned frequently, with a focus on high volume touch points.

13. What will happen in the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19?

The College has established protocols, based on following the advice of Public Health, if a confirmed case is identified in a school. *"If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in a school, the school may need to temporarily close to allow time for public health to conduct contact tracing and deep cleaning to be undertaken, to ensure the safety of staff and students prior to reopening."*

14. Arrival at School & Daily Schedules

Elphin Campus

There will be **DROP OFF/PICK UP ZONES** near all gate/entry points and the relevant entry points for each Year Level are listed below, all students can arrive from 8:20am:

EL Elphin: Elphin Road Gate (South at Jean Gardner Wing)

EL Erina: Erina Street Gate

Prep: Elphin Road Gate (Main Driveway)

Year 1: Elphin Road Gate (Main Driveway)

Year 2: Claremont Park Gate

Years 3: Claremont Street Gate

Years 4: Claremont Street Gate

Year 5: Elphin Road Gate (Main Driveway)

All Bus & Boarding students: Elphin Road Gate (North – Crossing Lights)

Notes:

Early Learning Centre sign-in will occur at the gates. Families with multiple children are able to drop their children at their youngest child's gate, with the exception of families with children in both EL Elphin and EL Erina, as it is necessary to sign each of your children in at their respective gate.

Afternoon pickups are at the same locations for each year level, between 2:50pm-3:20pm.

Penquite Campus

There will be **DROP OFF/PICK UP ZONES** near all gate/entry points and the relevant entry points for each Year Level are listed below, all students can arrive from 8:15am:

Years 6 - 8: Middle School Pedestrian Gate or Briggs House Turning Circle

Year 9 - 12: Chapel Gates or Briggs House Turning Circle

Notes:

If students are being dropped off/picked up at the turning circle, parents/adults are to remain in their cars at all times. Late comers are to sign in at the appropriate Reception on arrival.

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15. Daily Schedules

These times below will commence from Tuesday, 21 July 2020 for all year levels:

Elphin Campus

Early Learning Centre - operates from 8:45am 2:50pm (*NB: earlier finish time*)

Prep – Year 5

Session 1	8:45am	10:10am
RECESS	10:10am	10:30am
Session 2	10:30am	12:00noon
LUNCH	12:00noon	12:40pm
Session 3	12:45pm	1:45pm
RECESS	1:45pm	2:00pm
Session 4	2:00pm	3:00pm

Penquite Campus

Year 6–12 (Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri)

P1	8:40am	9:25am
P2	9:30am	10:15am
RECESS	10:20am	10:45am
TUTOR	10:50am	11:05am
P3	11:10am	11:55am
P4	12:00pm	12:45pm
LUNCH	12:50pm	1:45pm
P5	1:50pm	2:35pm
P6	2:40pm	3:25pm

Year 6–12 (Wednesdays)

P1	8:40am	9:25am
P2	9:30am	10:15am
RECESS	10:20am	10:45am
HOUSE/ASSEMBLY	10:50am	11:15am
P3	11:20am	12:05pm
P4	12:10pm	12:55pm
LUNCH	1:00pm	1:45pm
P5	1:50pm	2:35pm
P6	2:40pm	3:25pm

*TCE Students in Term 3:

- Year 11 must stay at school during Study Lines with the exception of classes after lunch, Period 5 and 6, where students may sign out and study from home.
- Year 12 students may study from home during their Study Line in Period 1 and 2 and in 6 and 7.
- All TCE Students must attend their Horizontal Tutor or House/Assembly each day, with the exception of students travelling to Co-op schools for classes, VET or HAP classes.
- Those at school during a Study Line must adhere to the current social distancing guidelines – 4 at a table (large round tables in RDSSC or the general 2 square metres apart) and in practical subject spaces.
- Students are to use the designated rooms for study – Robert Dean Senior Student Centre, John Morris Centre and at the top of the Helix terraces.
- TCE students will have the opportunity to book into the SOC Gym/Fitness Centre to do a workout once a week during a Study Line

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