

The Crest



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Term 2 Week 4 20 May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Our school is returning to full on-campus learning from **Monday 25 May**. All school activities and operations will be in line with AHPPC guidelines and NSW Health advice, as applicable.

The key message from the DoE for our community is:

- The best outcome for students is that they are back at school.
- Schools continue to be safe and operations are in line with AHPPC guidelines.
- All students are expected back at school unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence.

What you need to know at BPS as of Monday 25 May:

- Normal classes and face to face teaching will resume on Monday 25 May for all students.
- There are **no physical distancing requirements for students**. Physical distancing of children in schools is not required by the latest AHPPC guidelines. Research has shown limited transmission risk associated with school children in the school environment.
- Students will be allowed the use of playground equipment such as basketballs and skipping ropes which will be cleaned after use. Non-contact games in the playground will be encouraged.
- **Physical distancing requirements remain for adults**. Parents/carers are not permitted on school site unless attending the office.
- The drop off and pick up procedures for students attending the school site will remain in place. Parents are to drop off and pick up students from the Hillcrest Road gates. To limit contact please ensure you don't linger at drop off or pick up.
- Teacher supervision in the playground starts at 8:50am, so please ensure students walking to school by themselves are arriving after 8:50am.
- Parents who are picking students up early or dropping students off late need to attend the school office.
- If you have any questions or concerns parents are encouraged to contact the school via email or phone. Please note that our office foyer is limited to 2 adults at a time to ensure social distancing.

- The school will continue to implement actions in-line with health advice to help reduce the risk of COVID-19. Teachers will ensure students are regularly washing their hands and the school has supplies of hand wash and wipes.
- Additional cleaning will occur during the day. This includes cleaning frequently touched areas and bathrooms after recess, as well as replenishing supplies such as soap. High touch surfaces such as picnic tables and handrails in the playground and door handles are also wiped with disinfectant.
- Students are encouraged to stay at home if they are unwell.
- **Please ensure that you send your child to school with a water bottle. Our bubblers will be turned off, however, children will be able to refill water bottles from allocated taps.**
- **The school canteen will be open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for online lunch orders only.** At this stage recess orders remain unavailable and cash will not be accepted. We will update you when this changes.

Reporting

Reporting for Semester 1, 2020 will occur but with some amendments. During Term 2 Week 10, parents/carers will receive a simplified written report about their child's learning in Semester 1.

The executive team and teachers are currently working on what this will look like at BPS. The reports will focus on the learning that has taken place so far this year and will include student's progress and achievements, as well as areas for development.

Formal parent/teacher interviews which are usually scheduled for Term 2 will now be conducted during Term 3. However, teachers are able to conduct phone interviews for parents/carers wishing to discuss their child's learning this term. Please contact the office via phone or email to make arrangements if you wish to speak to your child's teacher.

School Website

Our school website is undergoing a make-over by our fabulous Miss Westwood and Miss O'Malley. Please view the following link to view our new and improved website.

<https://berowra-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

We are also looking at moving our Crest to an online platform and will let you know when this is available.

Please see the attached parent/carer information provided by the DoE to help answer any questions you may have regarding the return of your child/ren to school.

If you have any further questions or concerns please contact the office as we are more than happy to help.

Kind regards

Vicky Wallace

Principal

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Our P& C has purchased accident insurance for students who are injured as a result of a serious incident at school. Information is available at the office.

Covid-19 Update Berowra Public School is continuing to follow DoE and NSW Health advice to help manage the spread of viruses and we will continue to keep the community informed as we are provided updates.



1. **Wash your hands** regularly and thoroughly.
2. **Sneeze into your elbow** or a tissue, disposing of the tissue straight away and then washing your hands.
3. **Stay home if you are unwell** and in schools, send home staff or students who show **signs** of being unwell through the day.

Attendance

All students are expected to attend school from Monday 25 May, unless they are unwell.

If your child has a condition which means it is not safe for them to return to school, they will need to obtain a medical certificate.

This means students are either:

- at school;
- at home because they are currently unwell;
- at home because they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition.

Please note, students who are residing with a family member in one of the categories identified as being at increased risk, should attend school unless a medical practitioner

advises otherwise. The parent or carer should provide written confirmation from the treating health professional that the student is unable to attend school.

If students are away from school because they are unwell, there is no expectation that they complete school work. It is important that unwell students rest.

When your child is absent from school, don't forget to send in a note on their return to school to explain their absence.

This note should explain the reason for the child's absence, the date(s) of the absence and should be signed and dated by a parent or guardian.

Alternatively you can call the school office or send an email to the school's email address berowra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au with the teacher's name in the subject bar and it will be forwarded to the appropriate staff member.



Road Safety



Berowra Waters Road and Hillcrest Road can be busy streets to cross. A pedestrian crossing is a safe place to cross these street.

Always **STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, THINK** before crossing the road.