



COPACABANA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, the NSW Government has announced an extension of the lockdown, which includes the Central Coast. The NSW Department of Education has been working with NSW Health and the recommendation is for students to learn from home for the week commencing **Tuesday, 13 July until Friday, 16 July**. At this stage, schools have not received any further official advice from the NSW Department of Education as to what Term 3 will look like past Week 1.

Families are encouraged to keep their children at home this week. From **Tuesday, 13 July** we will have minimal supervision for students who need to be at school due to parents who are essential workers. Teachers will provide the same unit of work for students whether they are learning from home or in the classroom. Like last year, a staffing roster has been developed to reduce the number of staff onsite during this week.

Learning from Home

Learning plans for Week 1 will be made available to students on **Tuesday, 13 July**. Students in **K-2** will have learning packs. Students in **Yrs. 3-6** will commence online learning through the Google Classroom platform on **Tuesday, 13 July**. Online access to Google Classroom will be available from 8.55am on Tuesday morning through each student's normal Google Classroom login.

K-2 teachers have been very busy creating a learning pack of remote learning for your child/children. These packs will need to be collected from the **school's front entrance** on Pueblo St. Please adhere to the following times according to the class/grade your child is in. If you have more than one child in K-2 please collect all packs at the earliest time.

9.30-10.00am - **KB & K/1W**

10.00-10.30am - **1M & 1/2LP**

10.30 – 11.00 am - **2C and Year 2 students from 2/3R**

Parents, when you arrive at the gate you will see that the packs have been organised into classes and you will need to locate your child's pack from the class group. We ask that you then move off promptly in support of the mandatory social distancing guidelines.

Attendance and Communication

The Remind APP will be re-open at 9.00am tomorrow morning for 2-way communication and only to communicate your child's attendance and for remote learning organisation. You are kindly asked to let your child's class teacher know each day before 10.00am if your child is engaging in home learning or if your child is sick.



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If you do not have the REMIND App, please contact the school to confirm remote learning attendance. All other general communication with the school, or your child's teacher will continue as per normal via the school's email or phone. Staff will be regularly monitoring emails to assist you. Please be mindful that teachers will be in dual teaching mode onsite and online and will return your call in a timely manner.

Canteen and Uniform Shop

At this point in time the canteen and uniform shop will not be open. We ask that students attending school bring their own lunch, recess and drink bottle.

School Events

At this stage school events such as the Athletics Carnival, Basketball and Touch Football Gala days and Debating have been postponed in light of COVID-19 restriction guidelines.

Social Distancing - Pick up and Drop Off

Unfortunately, non-essential visitors are **not permitted** on school site. All parents and carers are expected to remain outside the school fence both before and after school. Parents are encouraged to avoid gathering outside of school gates and are to maintain physical distancing.

School arrivals: our staff will assist parents and students each morning at the front and back gates.

School departures: students will be dismissed from the basketball court or back gate. Teachers will assist students in the afternoon.

A reminder for all families

Students should not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms should not return to school until they have received a negative test result and are symptom-free. In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

Summary

The Department of Education has released advice to families for schools inside and outside of Greater Sydney. This can be accessed at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>.

A summary of this advice for schools in Greater Sydney is as follows:

- Students should not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home and should not return to school until they have received a negative test result and are symptom-free.
- Non-essential visitors are not permitted on school sites.
- Anyone entering school grounds must adhere to mask-wearing requirements and sign-in using the Service NSW QR code when entering the school.
- Canteen and uniform stores are not to operate
- Early childhood services including outside of school hours care (OOSHC) can continue to operate for those who need it.
- Scripture and Ethics will not proceed during this time.
- No P&C activities on school sites.



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- It is now mandatory for all school staff to wear masks when indoors.
- Additional hygiene supplies and cleaning hours will continue to be provided to schools.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support, patience and understanding during these challenging times. Please do not hesitate to contact the school as required via phone or email. We will continue to ensure a quality education for all students, support our school community and endeavour to keep you up to date and informed.

Please take care and stay safe.

With kind regards,

Mary Hunt

Copacabana Public School Principal