



Blackwell Public School

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BACK TO BLACKWELL IN 2022

Tuesday, 25 January 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope the following information may answer some of your many questions regarding the start of school in 2022.

STUDENTS

- Students commencing **Year 1- 6 to start Tuesday, 1st February 2022**. These students will return to their 2021 classes for the morning session
- **Support classes will operate from Wednesday, 2nd February 2022** as per communication already sent home in 2021
- **Kinder students 2022 will participate in BEST START** as per letters sent home end of 2021
Please note due to current COVID-19 restrictions, our Buddy Day organised for Friday, 5th February 2022 has been cancelled
- All Kindergarten students will commence full time from **Monday, 8th February 2022**

UNIFORMS

- Excel uniform providers will be onsite the following days:
Fri 28 Jan 22: 10:00am-2:00pm
Mon 31 Jan 22: 10:00am -2:00pm
Tue 1 Feb 22: 8:30am-10:00am
Wed 2 Feb 22: 2:00pm – 3:30pm
Thu 3 Feb 22: 8:30am-9:30am
Fri 4 Feb 22: CLOSED

PARENTS

- All parents entering school grounds must wear a mask, **must** be vaccinated and check in via QR code
- Parents can only be onsite for administration purposes



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PICK UP AND DISMISSAL

- Students are to be dropped each morning and dismissed via our three main gates
- Kinder – Year 2 will be dismissed at 2.50pm followed by Years 3 - 6 at 3pm
- Please note special rules for this will apply to new Kindergarten students for first fortnight only

CANTEEN

- Kids Pantry, our canteen provider, will be commencing from **Thursday, 3rd January 2022**.
- They would prefer online ordering, however purchases can still be made over the counter

RAT KITS

- Parents/Caregivers are able to pick up RAT kits from our school hall on **Friday, 28th & Monday, 31st Jan 2022** between school hours.
- Parents/caregivers are to use the provided kits to verify that students are COVID-19 free
- The Education Department has suggested twice weekly (Mondays & Wednesdays)
- **Results are for parent use only**
- It is anticipated that these tests will be for the first four weeks of the school year
- A positive COVID-19 case of a student must be immediately notified to the school and reported to the Health Department through Services NSW portal
- Parents will be provided with details regarding a positive COVID-19 case that may impact on a cohort group
- School should be notified if students are household close contacts must isolate at home for 7 days.
- Our Department has provided a Learning From Home portal for access should students require LFH materials or resources



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MASKS

- Masks must be worn by all adults whilst on school premises
- The Department has suggested mask wearing for older students in Stage 2 and 3, however this not mandatory

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- To assist with COVID safe guidelines, our students will operate in cohorts. At Blackwell, this means stages.
- Each stage will maintain their own playground areas and be kept as separate groups for curriculum activities such as sport and library

VACCINATION

- Students and their families are strongly encouraged to be fully vaccinated
- All staff at Blackwell are fully vaccinated in order to be onsite

SCHOOL AUDIT

- Our school was audited in 2021 to ensure we have appropriate ventilation and learning spaces available to our students and staff
- We have been assured that air purifiers will be provided if needed

We will continue to do our very best to support the safe return of our school community in 2022. We ask that you continue to respect our COVID safe plan we have put in place in order to keep our Blackwell community safe.

“The NSW Government is committed to ensuring school operations continue while prioritising the safety and wellbeing of students and school staff” – Service NSW 2-24

Yours Sincerely

Kris Hudswell

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Principal