

Week 3 Term 4 2021

SAFETY TEAMWORK ACHIEVEMENT RESPECT



Eucalypt Textures— Macro Composition—Year 9 Archives





Although numbers of students who are attending school has remained small, and most teachers are still delivering their teaching remotely, we are all getting very excited for next week, and the return of all our teachers and students. There will be several changes of routine and requirements to keep everyone safe. Some of these were addressed in the parent/carer Zoom webinar last week- a copy of the presentation was included in last week's newsletter.

We encourage all parents and carers to drive their children to school if possible, when we return to face to face teaching and learning. This will minimise the number of students using public transport and provide room for social distancing whilst keeping as many students separate as possible. On Monday morning the 25th October, when all the students go to their Roll Class, there will be a Zoom assembly, where we will go over all the new circumstances in place to keep everyone safe. Meanwhile, I hope this week will be the last week of remote teaching and learning, but this could change depending on health advice and decisions made by the Department of Education.

It was great to see more photos of our Support unit catching up via their Zoom meetings. There are lots of happy faces and plenty of laughs for both students, teachers and SLSOs!

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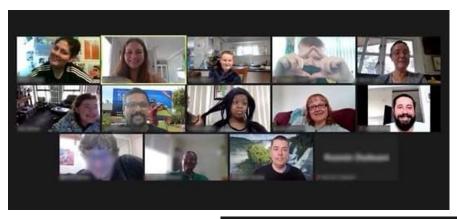
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OPPORTUNITY INNOVATION SUCCESS







Jess Urbina and Chelsea Mifsud, our Student Support Officers hosted another Wellbeing session based around the R U OK? presentation to further support our families through this challenging time.

Thank you to the students and parents who attended the RUOK? Zoom session. The session highlighted the importance of meaningful conversations around mental health. If you missed out on the session, you find more information on the schools Facebook page.

This week's wellbeing challenge is encouraging our students to be active. They will be answering the question- what kind of inspiration do you use to help you get moving?







We have been getting ready to return to face-to -face learning and have been gathering resources to support our students. A huge thank you to Brad, a local Aboriginal man who has been working at WHS. Brad made these traditional clap sticks to be used in music classes and Aboriginal cultural programs. They were made out of timber found on our property. Mrs Corr and the students who will benefit are extremely grateful for such a thoughtful gift.

For PDHPE, Miss Dadwani set the IO/IS class a variety of tasks, including helping Mum/Dad/Carer in any two household chores. Grant chose to help take out the rubbish and helped mum cook dinner. Grant also did his best to complete the 'Alphabet exercise' activity, we are so proud of him. Well done, Grant! Superstar effort.









We look forward to seeing everyone next week

Warm Regards, Jennifer Hawken

Youth Fact Sheet VAPING

The laws surrounding the supply and possession of nicotine vaping products changed at the beginning of October 2021.

All nicotine vaping products are now regulated under the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989 as Schedule 4 (prescription only) medicines in the Poison Standard. This means that a prescription will be required from a medical practitioner to purchase nicotine vaping products from a pharmacy or when importing from overseas websites.

What is a Nicotine Vaping Product?

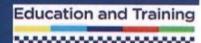
Nicotine vaping products are finished products (i.e. products ready to supply to consumers) that:

- · contain nicotine (whether in base or salt form) in solution, and
- are intended to be vaporised or inhaled using a vaping device (e.g. an e-cigarette or other electronic nicotine delivery system).

Young Person in Possession of a Nicotine Vaping Product S527C Persons Unlawfully in Possession of Property

Young Persons are not intended, under the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966, to be able to purchase nicotine vaping products. For Young Persons found in possession of nicotine vaping products, dependent on the circumstances, investigating officers may consider S527C Crimes Act 1900- Persons Unlawfully in Possession of Property. This is based on the fact that Young Persons are unable to lawfully purchase or obtain nicotine vaping products. It is strongly advised that investigating officers liaise with their prosecutors prior to initiating any legal processes to discuss the circumstances.

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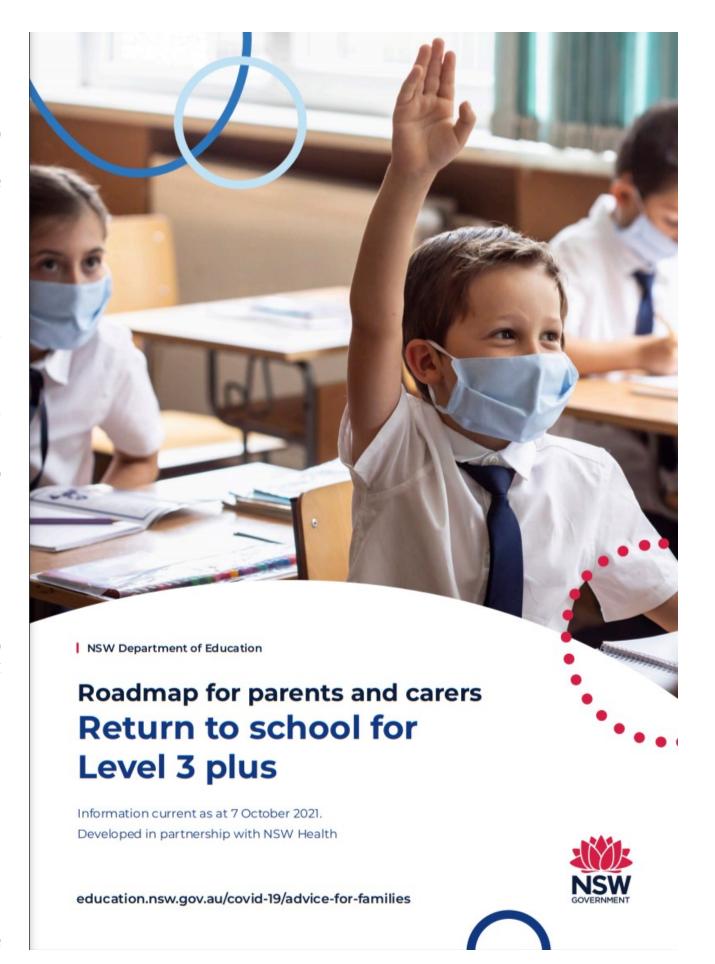














In Term 4, schools will return to face-to-face learning either through a 'staged return' or 'full return'.

The best learning environment for students is in the classroom and we are looking forward to welcoming back our staff and students in Term 4. We know that while there will be excitement, there will also be some anxiety and uncertainty about being back together at school.

Recent evidence shows that very little COVID transmission happens between children in school settings, and only a very small number of children who contract COVID-19 get seriously ill. However, to support school safety we are requiring all staff on site to be fully vaccinated, and we are strongly encouraging our students and school community to do the same.

We have worked with NSW Health on our COVID-safe plan to return to school sites and have developed effective practices to support this, including staff vaccinations, mask wearing, reduced mingling of staff and student groups, ventilation in classrooms and continued good hygiene and cleaning. We are confident that this, in combination with support from our school community, will minimise risk and help to keep schools open and students learning face-to-face next to their peers.

How the staged return to school will work

Students will return to face-to-face learning at school in the following order:

- from 18 October department preschool, Kindergarten, Year 1
- from 25 October all remaining year groups.

To maximise the re-establishment of a consistent routine, students who attend schools for Specific Purposes (SSPs) are recommended to return at the same time as students in mainstream settings. Students with disabilities in mainstream classes or support classes can also return as part of the staggered return at the same time as their year groups.

Students completing their HSC can already return in a limited way and this will continue for the first two weeks of Term 4. From 18 October, these students will have full-time access to school campuses and their teachers.

Some schools may have slightly different return to school plans, particularly if they have stage based classes or are very small schools.



School attendance

All students should be at school on the date indicated for their year group, unless:

- they have a medical certificate which says they can't return to school due to a condition or illness
- · they are currently unwell
- they have been asked by NSW Health to selfisolate.



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Return to school – Roadmap for parents and carers



Wellbeing

If you are worried that the impacts of COVID-19 or going back to face-to-face learning may be affecting your child's wellbeing, please discuss this with your child's teacher.

You can find more information to help your child's wellbeing through the mental health and wellbeing resources on the department's website.



Break times, dropoffs and pick-ups and canteens

To make sure students reduce the risk of transmission across cohorts, schools will put in place staggered recess and lunch breaks, start and finish times and drop-off and pick-up points.

Students can use the canteen during breaks. This will be different at each school depending on the size of the school, the number of students, traffic flow and other factors.

Creating a safe learning environment



Masks and face coverings

Masks will be mandatory for all staff and all students in Year 7 and above while they are indoors and outdoors on school sites unless eating or exercising. Masks are strongly recommended for primary students both indoors and outdoors unless eating or exercising.



Students should bring their own masks where possible, but schools will have back-up supplies just in case.

Masks are mandatory for all travel on public transport for children 13 years and older.



Physical distancing

All adults must keep 1.5 metres distance from each other, including teachers and support staff, and parents and carers waiting to collect children.

Physical distancing between children in the same class is not required under the latest health guidelines. Mixing between class groups will be minimised and students will be supported to follow strict hygiene practices like:

- · regularly washing hands
- not sharing drinks or food
- coughing or sneezing into their elbow, or else using a tissue which should be put in the bin straight away
- filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly.

Vaccination

All adults at school sites, including employees, contractors, volunteers and essential visitors, must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by 8 November 2021. Adults that are required to support the staged return to school in October 2021 will be required to have received two doses of COVID-19 vaccine by that date. For schools under Level 3 settings, adults are strongly encouraged to have had two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine, but are not required to be fully vaccinated until 8 November.

Students aged 12 or above are now eligible for a COVID-19 vaccination. Parents and carers can book in a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine now.

Vaccination appointments are available at more than 3,000 locations across NSW, including GPs and pharmacies. For students and families who have questions or concerns related to getting vaccinated, refer to NSW Health's Know the facts COVID-19 vaccination fact sheet.

education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families

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Open or well-ventilated spaces reduce the risk of COVID-19. Where possible classroom doors and windows will remain open and fans and air-conditioners will be set to use outside air, where possible.



Rapid antigen testing

We are exploring with NSW Health the use of COVID home testing kits (known as rapid antigen testing) as a further screening measure to reduce the risk of outbreaks in schools, or the length of time students need to isolate after contact with someone with COVID. Further details will be provided in Term 4.



Return to school – Roadmap for parents and carers



Schools will continue to receive additional cleaning in line with advice from NSW Health.

Schools have received extra supplies of soap, hand sanitiser, toilet paper, paper towels, disinfectant wipes and personal protective equipment and can order more as needed.



School activities

Many school-based activities will remain on hold, including large celebrations such as presentation days and graduations, arts and sports events. For a full list of what is permitted and what is on hold, refer to education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families.



Visitors

Only essential visitors are allowed on school sites at this time. When dropping off or picking up your child, parents and carers need to stay outside school grounds, you will need to wear a mask and physically distance. Some exceptions may exist for:

- schools for specific purposes
- vulnerable students
- students with disability
- preschools.

In these instances, follow the vaccination and mask-wearing requirements and sign in using the Service NSW QR code when entering the school.



Reporting and assessment

You will receive your child's Semester 2 report by the end of the year. This will be a simplified version of the report you normally receive.



Orientation and transition to school

We have flexible arrangements so that students and parents and carers can still get help with orientation and transition to school in a COVID-safe way. Kindergarten and Year 7 transition and orientation programs will be virtual for schools doing a staged return. Transition and orientation programs will be possible for other schools, however only children will be allowed on school grounds.



Responding to COVID-19 cases

Where there is a case of COVID-19 in the school community, the department has established systems and protocols with NSW Health to manage and respond accordingly to keep our staff and students safe. These protocols include communication with parents or carers if their child has been in contact with someone who has tested positive to COVID-19 while at school or if the school becomes closed.



If your school reverts to learning from home

If schools revert to learning from home due to a Public Health Order or direction from NSW Health or the Department, the school will continue to provide learning activities for your child to do at home and will communicate with you about their learning.

If your child's school needs to revert to remote learning, your school will let families know through the usual channels, which might include email, social media or the school website.



lf your school becomes closed due to a COVID-19 case

Parents and students will be notified when a decision is made to make the school closed for onsite attendance due to a confirmed case of COVID-19 or other events that require the school to close. Information about the operational status of the school will be distributed through the school's information channels, including the school website, Schools Safety App, any school social media channels and the department's website. During this period, the school will continue to provide learning activities for your child to do at home and will communicate with you about their learning. Parents and students will be informed by the department when the school is ready to resume onsite learning.



Get in touch with questions or concerns

Your principal has already started planning for a COVID-safe return at your school, taking into account the unique needs of their students and school. To support this planning, and to allow for your teachers to be fully vaccinated by 8 November or earlier, it is important that students return on the date specified for their year group.

Get in contact with your principal directly if you would like more information about your school's COVID-safe return to school plan or if you have concerns or questions about your child being back in their classroom for face-to-face learning in Term 4.

If you need further information, please call your school. If you need an interpreter to assist you with your enquiry, please call the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and ask for an interpreter in your language. You will not be charged for this service.

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16 July 2021

Windsor High School School Bus 5038 – AM SERVICE

Dear Parents and Students,

Commencing Monday 2 August 2021, morning School Bus 5038 will begin 5 minutes earlier and operate with the below revised travel times. There will be no change to the operating path.

Time	Place
8:23am	Bede Polding College
8:27am	Porpoise Cres & Rifle Range Rd
8:47am	Windsor High School

For further information please contact Busways Customer Service via infoline@busways.com.au or 1300 69 2929.

Yours sincerely,

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School Travel for 2022



2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can <u>apply</u> now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should renew or update their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new eligibility criteria, they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note**: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to **transportnsw.info**. This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

Travel from Term 12022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can <u>apply</u> or <u>update</u> details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their local bus operator to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the Student code of conduct and Opal terms of use.



Further information can be found at <u>transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel</u>

Enquiries can be submitted at <u>transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback</u>



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Uniform can be purchased from our retail outlet
52 Cox Avenue, Kingswood
Monday to Friday 8.00am to 4.30pm
Saturday 9.00am to 12noon

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Please make your booking through our website - www.cowanlewis.com.au

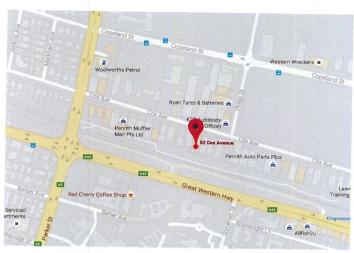
Back to School Trading Hours

Back to Basics will be closed from Wednesday 22nd of December 2021 and will reopen on Monday 3rd of January 2022

Trading hours for the month of January 2022

Monday to Friday - 8am to 5pm
(Closed for the public holiday - Wednesday 26th of January)

Saturdays - January 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th - 9am to 3pm Sundays - January 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th - 10am to 1pm



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Dear Parents.

Cowan & Lewis look forward to joining with you on the next phase of your child's journey through their school life.

The purchasing of your child's school uniform will be a little different this year due to the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic and ensuring we are adherent to the mandatory social distancing restrictions of 1 person per 4 square meters. The Kingswood retail store located at 52 Cox Avenue will be accessible by appointment ONLY from the 11th October through to the 21st December Monday to Friday from 9am – 4.30pm and Saturday 9am to 12 noon.

Cowan & Lewis are very mindful of the inconvenience this may cause with restricted accessibility whilst avoiding unnecessary queuing and delays to ensure the safety of our Staff, Parents and students.

We would encourage all new students to be outfitted prior to the end of the year to ensure they are catered for before the new school year, unfortunately appointments may not be available in January.

Appointments can be made on the Cowan & Lewis website www.cowanlewis.com.au. Select shop online, locate your schools crest, and click on the booking link and select the appropriate date and time.

- Each appointment will have a 20-minute duration.
- 1 Adult and 1 Child per booking
- For each additional sibling a booking will be required
- We ask that you arrive 10 minutes prior to your appointment
- If you arrive more than 5 minutes late to your appointment, we will unfortunately ask that another time be made to ensure the next appointment is not delayed

Alternatively online orders can be made and delivered to school twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays during the school term. Exchanges can be arranged back through the school office by contacting Cowan & Lewis or leaving an exchange form in the bag to be collected, the exchange form can be located on the Cowan & Lewis website on your school's page.

Please note the appointment system above may change at any time as the State Government provides further advice. Changes will be notified on our website.

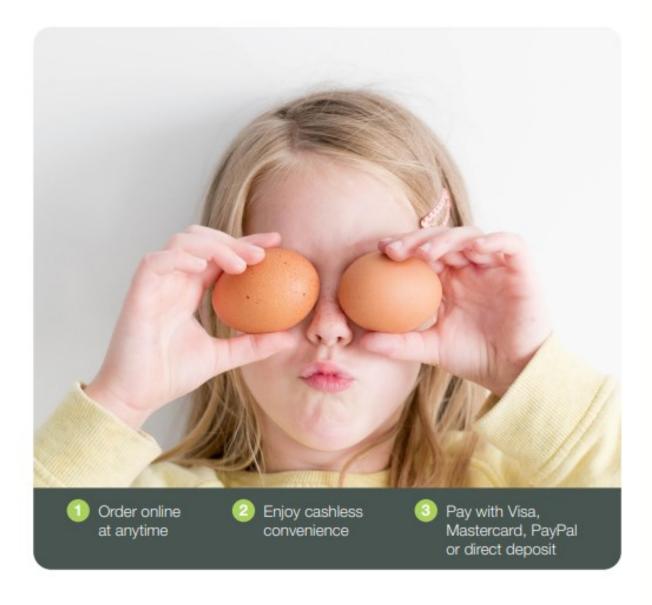
We thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work through this challenging time and look forward to welcoming you to our store. Please feel free to contact our staff via email sales@cowanlewis.com.au or phone 4721 7422 should you require any further information.

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 in the email to set up your account.
 Once your account is set up, add
 new student; search for their school,
 enter student details and select
 their class.
- Top Up Your Account

To make ordering fast and simple, you can set up automatic top ups in your 'User Profile'.

Order

Place your Order

On the app home screen, scroll down to view your school services such as canteen and uniforms. Then **swipe left and right** to view all available services.

Make your Selection

Find the service and press 'Order', then select the items you wish to order.

Make Payment

Select your payment option and complete payment to place your order.



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