



**DANDENONG NORTH
PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

School Website:
www.dandenongnorthps.vic.edu.au

15th October 2021

News From the North

Phased Return to Onsite Learning

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 2021

25th School Council Meeting

NOVEMBER 2021

1st Curriculum Day

2nd Public Holiday

5th All students return

School Pledge

I will do all that I can to make sure that Dandenong North Primary School remains a great school.

I will try my hardest to follow the 4Cs to keep our school a safe and happy place.

I promise to treat others as I would like to be treated.

Welcome back to term 4! There was some great news over the holiday period with the return to school for students being phased in. All staff are thrilled to have a staggered return of students culminating in the return of all students on November 5th. We are sure that this will be a highly celebrated day for the whole community.

Plans for parents and students have been put in place to ensure that Dandenong North stays COVID safe. They include:

- Proper Face Masks **MUST** be worn over nose and mouth as a condition of ADULT entry.
- A minimum distance of 1.5 metres between adults **MUST** be maintained by ALL adults at ALL times.
- If parents or carers do not need to come into the school grounds, then please do not, so that we can minimise adult movements and contact with each other.
- Children will enter the grounds and place their bag outside of their classroom. If parents have come onsite to make sure that their child goes to the correct room, we then ask that parents and carers leave the school grounds as quickly as possible.
- Children in Years 3 to 6 **MUST** wear a face mask correctly. It is also recommended that children in Prep – Year 2 also wear a mask – however this is not mandated by the Department.
- Students will line up outside of their classroom at the end of the day, and parents can collect them. However, once again, if you **DO NOT** have to come on to school grounds – then please refrain from doing so.

To further assist with maintaining of community safety, we will not be allowing parents or carers access to any of the school buildings. Parents who need to speak to reception or office staff will need to call 9794 7899 or knock on the front door before entry. Our staff can then assist you outside if needed. Masks must be worn if entering the office and you must check in using the QR code supplied.

Most importantly we are seeking the assistance of our families to keep our community safe by keeping children at home who show any sign of illness. It has been a long time for our children to be undertaking home learning, and all it takes is one positive COVID case and the school would be closed and children would again be disadvantaged by working remotely. This is something that we all must do to keep our community members safe.

We thank the community members of Dandenong North, for all of the support that they have shown the school. We need this to continue once we are all back onsite and if you are unwell, then please get tested.

Student Return Dates - Quick View

Prep Students Attend School	Year 1&2 Students Attend School
Monday 18 th October Tuesday 19 th October Wednesday 20 th October Monday 25 th October Tuesday 26 th October Wednesday 27 th October Monday 1st November – Curriculum Day Tuesday 2nd November – Public Holiday Wednesday 3 rd November Friday 5 th November – All students	Thursday 21 st October Friday 22 nd October Thursday 28 th October Friday 29 th October Thursday 4 th November Friday 5 th November – All students
Year 3 & 4 Students Attend School	Year 5 & 6 Students Attend School
Tuesday 26 th October Wednesday 27 th October Tuesday 2nd November – Public Holiday Wednesday 3 rd November Friday 5 th November – All students	Thursday 28 th October Friday 29 th October Thursday 4 th November Friday 5 th November – All students

All students attend school from Friday 5th November

Current advice from the Chief Health Officer is that all children will be returning to school from Friday 5th November. Until then, remote learning and onsite supervision for all Vulnerable and Essential Worker's children will continue for all year levels on the days they are not attending school.

Monday 1st November - CURRICULUM DAY— No School

Tuesday 2nd November - PUBLIC HOLIDAY - No School

Wednesday 3rd November

**Onsite Learning resumes for Preps, Years 3&4,
Remote learning for Years 1, 2, 5 & 6**

School Owned - Borrowed

Once children have returned to full time onsite learning (5th November), we ask that parents remove from their child, all school owned borrowed devices. This is because students will no longer require these devices for EDUCATIONAL purposes.

However, with the current high level of COVID cases, and the recent history of snap lockdowns being called, we will extend the loan of school owned devices until Tuesday 30th November. This is a precaution to ensure that if a lockdown is called, our students will have quick access to devices and they will be ready to undertake online learning if needed.

As of Wednesday, **1st December** we ask that all children return loaned devices to the school. Class teachers will have an up-to-date list of students who borrowed devices and they will continue to question the students daily about the return of these borrowed devices and chargers.

It is important that each device is returned in the condition that it was borrowed, as all of these devices are used at school to assist children with their learning.

Once all devices are returned, they will then need to be cleaned and reimaged before they can be used in classrooms again.

We thank you for your assistance with this matter.



David Street Closure

Currently there are major stormwater works occurring on David Street, located directly in front of the school. Between Woodlee Street and the intersection of Cleeland and David Streets, the road is closed.. That means that there is no parent access via car. These works are continuing until the middle of November, meaning that no children will be able to be dropped off or picked up outside the front of the school. Alternative arrangements will need to be made and we are asking for our families to use patience when parking in neighbouring streets. Please speak with your child/ren and let them know that if they have not been collected by 3.30, to make their way to the soccer pitch in front of the office and to wait patiently for their parent/carer to arrive. Melbourne Water apologises for the inconvenience to our families.



2022 Enrolments

We are currently in the process of organising grades and teaching staff for next year and it is very important for us to know our enrolment numbers for 2022.

If you know that your child **will not** be attending Dandenong North next year, could you please write a letter informing the Office staff of your 2022 intentions or print off the slip below and either return it to your child's classroom teacher or to the office staff as soon as possible.

We thank you for your assistance.

Student/s Name/s _____

Current Grade/s _____

Name of new school being attended in 2022 _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

2022 Prep Enrolment

Looking forward to 2022, we are keen to ensure that all of our current families have been able to enroll their children into Prep classes. As usual, we aim to keep these class sizes as small as possible in order to give children the best possible start to their education. Therefore it is highly important for us to have an idea as to how many students may be enrolling at our school for next year.

Whilst we are no longer able to undertake school tours in person due to current COVID19 restrictions, we have access to a wonderful **online virtual tour** at <https://www.dandenongnorthps.vic.edu.au/> which highlights all of the key programs that our school provides our students.



If you know of a neighbour or a relative who has a child that turns five before the 30th April 2022, please ask them to come to the Office to complete an enrolment form.

Parents are asked to bring a Birth certificate or Visa for proof of age and an Immunisation History Statement from Medicare in order to enrol their child at our school.

2022 Prep Transition Sessions

Unfortunately, due to the current circumstances regarding the Covid19 pandemic our Prep 2022 Transition sessions will not be going ahead.

We are hoping as restrictions are being eased, perhaps, later in Term 4, we can host your child in a 'Meet and Greet' play session.

If this does go ahead you will be contacted by phone or email.

Thank you for your understanding with this matter.