



# DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I am writing to inform you of preliminary information regarding school operations and welcome you back to a Term 2 like we have never experienced before. The Department of Education has provided Principals with suggested guidelines to commence Term 2 and we will be developing a comprehensive plan to communicate further with you by the end of next week. In the meantime, please be advised of the following information:

1. Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 April are School Development Days, being pupil free.
2. The Government has advised that schools are open in Weeks 1-2 for children of essential workers, from Wednesday 29 April, encouraging parents and carers to continue to keep their children at home to support the ongoing community response to COVID-19.
3. Learning from home resources and supports for Term 2 will continue as detailed last term, with new activities and learning material being finalised and posted online and in hardcopy formats by the end of Week 1. Please see our [Website](#), the new [Sentral Portal](#) and your email for details.
4. Plans for the operation of the school **from Monday 11 May** will be provided to you across our communication platforms by the end of next week, after consultation with staff and Executive. The plan for Week 3 and beyond will incorporate the following:
  - a. **All students will continue to learn within a 'one unit for all' approach.** That is, the same resource material will be followed if you are learning from home or at school AND the same resources will be used and followed online and in hard copy formats. **This is to ensure equity for all students, irrespective of access to technology and the choice to be at home or at school during this phase of school operations.**
  - b. Students Years 7-11 will be initially offered attendance at school one day per week, until we are advised differently. The Premier has asked that parents, carers and students respect the guidelines and only attend on their allocated day, unless necessary for essential workers. We are managing the total number of people on the site and operating within these restrictions to develop the model we will offer for school attendance.

- c. Students in Year 12 will be offered attendance at school every day. We will be developing a plan to address the resumption of Year 12 lessons as quickly as possible, while responsibly managing social distancing restrictions, health and safety across the whole school.
- d. When at school, students will be grouped for supervision according to the guidelines we have been given for reduced class sizes and other operational restrictions. Therefore, students will be supervised at school by various staff and students may not be grouped in their normal classes, with their regular timetabled teacher.
- e. The School Canteen will remain closed, until further notice.
- f. Students attending school are requested to bring a portable computer device, where possible, as students will be accessing existing online learning platforms developed for all students. Mobile phones are not deemed a suitable learning device.
- g. Health and safety protocols being implemented include:
  - i. Not having at-risk people attend the school site, such as those with chronic health and immune issues, over 65 years and/or pregnant.
  - ii. Strict social distancing in classrooms between students, reduced numbers of students at bays and playground supervision of these social distancing rules.
  - iii. Reduced total numbers of people on the school site.
  - iv. Hygiene protocols, including hand washing, sanitizing and enhanced cleaning services.

We understand these are very challenging times for everyone. Our school is committed to supporting the health, safety and wellbeing of our students, staff and community first and foremost. If you are having any issues accessing learning from home materials, require support or assistance, please contact us. To do this, you can email our staff directly or through the school email: [dungog-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:dungog-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au). I would like to encourage you to access the recently launched [Dungog High School Wellbeing Website](#), where support and assistance is centrally located for you. Personalised support is also available from our Deputy Principals (Mr Dives and Ms Archer), our Head Teacher Wellbeing (Ms Dibley), Year Advisors, School Counsellor (Ms Betty de Lore) or myself on 49 92 30 22.

Yours sincerely,



Janene McIntosh

Principal

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