



RETURN TO SCHOOL

Reminders for Term 1

Dear Families and Students,

Welcome to the start of the 2022 school year! We can't wait to see you on campus this week. Please see the attached for important reminders and information for the start of the year.

Don't forget that we have our annual swimming carnival scheduled for this Friday 4th February - please see previous correspondence from Mr Priest, Head of Sport & Co-curricular, for further information.

Mrs Sue-Ann Gavin
Acting Head of Senior School



Teaching & learning

- The first day will begin with a Principal's Welcome Assembly - 8.45am Tuesday 1 February in the DPA
- We will be introducing our new learning management system - 'The Hub'.
- School diaries will be distributed in Mentor Groups on Tuesday.
- Students are required to have headphones/earbuds to support learning in case of staff isolation requirements.



Health & safety

- N95/P2 or surgical masks to be worn inside and on public transport.
- Students with even mild COVID-19 symptoms must get tested with a RAT or PCR (nose and throat swab) and isolate until a negative result. If symptoms persist, test again after 24hrs. Do not return to school with symptoms unless another diagnosis is confirmed.
- Test with RHAT in the morning before school each Monday and Wednesday - if positive, notify the school (reception@kws.nsw.edu.au) and Service NSW of positive results and follow NSW Health isolation guidelines.
- Locker rooms will only be accessible for bag/book drop offs. All students will need to have their bags stored in their lockers.
- Hand sanitizer and cleaning materials will continue to be available in classrooms, windows will be opened for ventilation and air purifiers will be placed in areas of concern.
- Students should be aware of their cohort's playground zones:
 - Year 7 Year 7 Quad - between Science and Library
 - Year 8 Music/Bennett Quad
 - Year 9 Oval/Canteen
 - Year 10 Maths/Bennett Quad
 - Year 11 Amphitheatre and front of DPA
 - Year 12 Main Quad



Communication & mobile phones

Our recommended method of communication is email and the first point of contact with the school is your child's Head Mentor, so do not hesitate to contact him or her during the year. If you need to raise a pastoral matter regarding your child, then please contact their Head Mentor / Head of Boarding House so they are aware. Contact details for the staff can be found in the student diary. For all Boarding related matters, please contact your child's Head of Boarding House. Teachers will often be teaching during the day and therefore will not be able to reply immediately but will get back to you as soon as possible.

- If there is an emergency then please contact Reception (02 6392 0300) before contacting your child, as this allows us to ensure the appropriate support is in place accordingly.
- Mobile phones are not permitted in classes unless teachers instruct their use, students will be actively discouraged from using their phones during recess and lunch



Uniform

Before the new School year starts, please ensure all uniform items are checked, in good repair, are clean, pressed and are clearly labelled with your child's name. We do our best to assist students if their uniform items go missing but this is an impossible task if the garment is not named. School uniform must be worn to and from School each day when travelling on public transport.

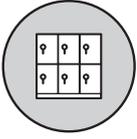
- All students must have hair longer than mid collar tied back. Unusual, unorthodox, undercut and shaved hair styles and dyed hair are not permitted.
- One set of small 3mm stud earrings are permitted in each lower earlobe. These are the only piercings permitted. No other jewellery is permitted.
- No nail polish or makeup.
- Either the old OR the new uniform. No mixing.
- Hats required for outdoors all year.
- Due to stock delays blazers are not required during Term 1.
- Students must wear the correct and relevant attire for the sport they are involved in. School tracksuits are the only permitted style to be worn - representative or club tracksuits are not allowed.



Diary and Timetable

Each pupil will be issued with a diary which provides the medium for continuous four-way communication between the pupil, their teachers, their House and their parents / guardian or Boarding staff. Some key information regarding the use of the diary.

- The diary must be brought to School each day, be available for use every period and must be kept up-to-date.
- All homework and assessments are to be recorded in the diary. If no homework is set write 'none set', and the expectation is that reading is to occur or revision.
- The diary is to be signed by the Mentor and Parent/Boarding Staff each week.
- If circumstances prevent your son or daughter from completing their homework, a note from a Parent/ Boarding Staff should be written in the diary.
- Diaries should be kept clean, neat, and free from graffiti. Any defaced diaries will need to be replaced.



Punctuality

Punctuality and time management are extremely valuable skills for life. Students who arrive late miss the start of their first lesson or study period, this means that they miss important information, and this can often disrupt the teaching and learning of others. I would be grateful for the support of all parents and carers in ensuring that their child leaves home early enough each morning to get to school on time and in encouraging them to be punctual.



Bring Your Own Laptop in 2022

All Senior School students must have a BYO laptop in 2022. Please refer to the [Bring Your Own Laptop Policy 2022](#) for full details. In brief, the following applies:

It is strongly recommended that students purchase a laptop that meets the School's minimum specification requirements.

Students in Years 9 - 12 who are already using a laptop may continue to use their laptop, even if it does not meet the School's minimum specification requirements. The BYOLT policy allows for a phase-in period that concludes at the end of 2022 for those families of some students in Years 9-12 who purchased a laptop in 2020, which may now not meet the minimum specifications as dictated by the BYOLT Policy.

By 2023, it will be compulsory for all Senior School students to have a laptop that meets the minimum specifications as outlined in the BYOLT Policy.