

Dear parents and carers

Thanks to the great work of the community to restrict the transmission of COVID-19, I am very pleased to tell you that our ACT public school students and teachers will begin a staged return to on-campus learning from Monday 18 May.

The return will be carefully managed and staged over three weeks to ensure our students, teachers and staff are safe and our schools are fully prepared to have the appropriate measures in place, based on advice from the ACT Chief Health Officer.

The three stage return of on-campus learning is:

**From Sunday 10 May, week 3 of term 2**

- Registrations for Safe and Supervised sites will close as of Sunday 10 May. The Education Directorate will continue to process all registrations that have been received up until Sunday.
- We ask parents not to register their child unless you need to as we work towards rolling down Safe and Supervised sites.

**From Monday 18 May, week 4 of term 2**

- All preschool, kindergarten, year 1, 2 and 7 students will return to their usual school for on-campus learning.
- Year 11 and 12 students will attend a combination of on-campus and remote learning, with colleges making arrangements to support learning on-campus for students and subject matters that require it.
- Safe and Supervised sites will cease operation from the end of the school day on Friday 15 May. All students who have registered to attend a Safe and Supervised site as of Sunday 10 May will be able to attend their usual school from Monday 18 May. These students will continue to undertake remote learning until their year group returns to on-campus learning.
- To support teachers to return to schools, children of teachers may also attend their usual school.

**From Monday 25 May, week 5 of term 2**

- All year 3, 4 and 10 students will return to their usual schools for on-campus learning alongside those students who have already returned.



**From Tuesday 2 June, week 6 of term 2**

- Following the June long weekend, all students in years 5, 6, 8 and 9 will return to their usual schools, meaning all year groups will have returned to on-campus learning.
- Remote learning will remain available for students with chronic health conditions or compromised immune systems.

Now we have certainty around our back to school plan we encourage students to continue with remote learning at home until their year is scheduled return to school.

We appreciate the patience and support we have received from families and school communities during this period of remote learning.

Please find attached a letter from the ACT Chief Health Officer Dr Kerryn Coleman that steps through the guidelines ACT Health and the Education Directorate will be implementing to make our schools safe places to learn and work.

Your principal will be in touch with you about your local school arrangements next week.

If you have any questions about the plan to return to the classroom, I would encourage you to contact your school in the first instance. You can also contact the Education Directorate on by phone [\(02\) 6205 5429](tel:0262055429) between 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday for more information.

Kind regards,

Katy Haire

Director-General