



From the Principal's Desk - 5 May 2020
NSW Department of Education COVID-19
Managed Return to School – From Monday 11 May

Dear Parents and Carers,

From Monday May 11 2020 Miller Technology High School will commence Phase 1 of its COVID-19 Managed Return to School for students. All NSW Public Schools begin this phased return to school from May 11. Phase 1 requires students to be attending school at least 1 day per week and the Department of Education’s PHASE 1 plan is outlined below.

PHASE 1	
<p>Students at school at least one day per week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools have discretion for establishing which group attends on which day, with a preference to group siblings/families together. Families who need to send their child to school every day may continue to do so and no child will be turned away. Classes are split across different spaces and break times can be staggered. No excursions or inter-school activities. Continued enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements. 	<p>You can now</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send your child/children to school one day a week. You are encouraged to keep you child at home for the rest of the week wherever possible. Check with your school to see which day of the week your child/children should attend. Use the school canteen and uniform shop where appropriate hygiene measures are in place.
<p>You must continue to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow your school's advice regarding changes to drop off and pick up, including staying in your car when dropping off and picking up your child/children if safe to do so. Maintain social distancing by avoiding gathering outside of school gates. Make sure your child/children have access to lunch and snacks, noting some canteens may not be operating at this stage. Support your child/children to continue learning at home on remote learning days. Communicate with your school via email and phone wherever possible Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell. 	

Miller Technology High School's weekly timetables for the Managed Return to School for students in the **High School, Support Faculty** and **Intensive English Centre** are outlined below and we request that students and parents follow this timetable.

High School Students

Year Group	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Year 7	ONLINE	ONLINE	ONLINE	ONLINE	AT SCHOOL
Year 8	ONLINE	ONLINE	ONLINE	AT SCHOOL	ONLINE
Year 9	AT SCHOOL	ONLINE	ONLINE	ONLINE	ONLINE
Year 10	AT SCHOOL	ONLINE	ONLINE	ONLINE	ONLINE
Year 11	ONLINE	AT SCHOOL	ONLINE	ONLINE	ONLINE
Year 12	ONLINE	ONLINE	AT SCHOOL	ONLINE	ONLINE



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Support Faculty Students

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday
Bass	Flinders	Bass	Flinders	Cooper	Parkes	Cooper	Parkes	On-line Learning

Please Note.

- For students accessing assisted transport, there have been adjustments to arrival and leaving times. Ms Fisher will communicate these changes with parents and carers.

Intensive English Centre Students

Miller IEC Term 2 Calendar



Miller IEC students will attend school once every 4 days, as part of the NSW Department of Education's phased return to school. Follow the calendar below from May 11 for Week 3 and 4. Further advice will be given at the end of Week 4. Each colour corresponds with a different level.

TERM 2, 2020					
Week	M	T	W	T	F
1	APR 27	28	29	30	MAY 1
2	4	5	6	7	8
3	11	12	13	14	15
4	18	19	20	21	22

Students to attend school	
	Foundation (FJ, FJ1, FS)
	Level 1 (1J, 1J1, 1S)
	Level 2 (2J, 2J1, 2S, 2S1, 2S2)
	Level 3 (3J, 3J1, 3I, 3S, 3S1)



School Day Organisation

- During Phase 1, school teaching hours will be from **9.00am to 3.00pm** daily.
- In order to facilitate the required amount of face-to-face delivery on at-school days, the timetable has been modified to include **8 shortened (35 minute) periods per day**. Refer to the table below.

Timetable – Phase 1 Managed Return to School		
Period/Break	Start	Finish
Period 1	9:00	9:35
Period 2	9:35	10:10
Break 1	10:10	10:40
Period 3	10:40	11:15
Period 4	11:15	11:50
Break 2	11:50	12:20
Period 5	12:20	12:55
Period 6	12:55	1:30
Break 3	1:30	1:50
Period 7/Assembly	1:50	2:25
Period 8	2:25	3:00

- On **timetabled learning days (at school)** there will be **NO** online learning taking place for that particular year group/s.
- On **non-timetabled days (at home)**, **ONLINE LESSONS** utilising Google classroom activities or learning booklets will continue with students to follow their **regular timetable**, finishing the school day at the conclusion of Period 5 (Mondays) and Period 6 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday).
- Due to the complexity of lesson scheduling, students in Years 7-10 **may not** receive face-to-face teaching from their regular class teacher.
- In supporting student wellbeing, **Year Adviser lessons/meetings** have been scheduled for each cohort, including the Intensive English Centre and Support Faculty.
- **Afternoon Activities (at home):** As a result of the shortened lessons, afternoon sessions at home will provide a flexible learning time for all students. During this time, students are able to determine their own learning needs. Some suggested activities include:

Years 7 to 10

- Reading: a minimum of 20 minutes
- Wordflyers
- Longer term assignments
- Class activities not completed from the morning
- Extension work - as provided or of your own design.



Years 11 to 12

- Assignments
- Edrolo
- Class activities not finished from morning lessons
- Additional work set by the teacher
- Additional contact with the teacher as arranged to assist in major works
- Self-directed learning - subject reading, note taking, summaries, revision, memorising and practice papers.

Note: Year 12 students on **non-timetabled** days can attend pre-arranged workshops/tutorials or make appointments with their teachers to use facilities or to borrow equipment. All students must **sign - in** and **sign - out** electronically, at the main administration office.

Social Distancing and Hygiene

- **Stay home when unwell.** Parents **must not** send students to school if they are feeling unwell. If a student is unwell during the school day, they will not be able to remain in the clinic. Parents will be expected to collect unwell students from school.
- It would be appreciated if as an additional precaution, students' temperatures are checked before leaving home.
- Cough or sneeze into elbows to **avoid spreading** infection. Avoid touching face.
- Engage in **regular handwashing**, especially before eating during breaks.
- Maintain **social distancing (1.5 m apart)** in the classroom, playground, in corridors and when queuing. **Floor markings** outside classrooms and in the canteen will be created to assist.
- Use **hand sanitising** facilities provided in the classroom and other health items in a responsible manner – ideally bring your **own** hand sanitiser.
- Students are **NOT** to participate in **ball games** during break times, due to infection risk.
- Come **directly to school** each morning, and after school go directly home – no going via the local shops or park.
- Assist in keeping classroom desks and **school equipment clean**, as directed by the teacher.

Canteen

- The school canteen will be **open** from Monday 11 May. However, while bottled water and fruit juice will be available there is a limited food menu: *Hot Chicken Caesar Turkish, Chicken Burger, Sweet Chilli Tender Roll or Burger, Sweet Chilli Chicken Caesar Salad Box, Beef Pie, Butter Chicken & Rice, Watermelon bowls, Potato Wedges* (refer to attached menu).
- **Do not share drinks or food** – school bubblers will **NOT** be operational. Water bottles can be refilled at the **WATER FOUNTAINS** located in A Block and E Block.

Transport

- School buses will be running at **normal times** before and after school.



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A phased approach to Managed Return to School for students means that there are a smaller number of students at school each day, providing more space to spread out. It also helps to balance the varied needs of students and staff, their families, personal circumstances and workplaces. The flexibility of the approach means we can also respond quickly to any new spikes in the spread of COVID-19.

Again, I would like to thank all students and parents for your ongoing support throughout the COVID-19 circumstance and encourage all students to continue completing and submitting their online learning. If students have questions regarding online learning please message your teachers through Google Classroom.

Should you have any questions regarding the Phase 1, Managed Return to School, please contact the High School – p 02 96078669 (email: miller-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or Miller Intensive English Centre – p 02 96072751 (email: miller-i.school@det.nsw.edu.au).

The website <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families> also has been updated and may have information of interest to families.

Regards,
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(Principal)