



From the Principal's Desk – Term 2 Week 4 Managed Return to School Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

The past months have been a time of significant change and it has been an absolute delight to welcome students back to school this week. Their warmth, enthusiasm and excitement to be back has created an enormous positive vibe in the playground and in classrooms. Schools are dismal places without students and the past weeks have felt like a very long time, even if it did include two weeks of school holidays.

While the Phase 1 Managed Return to School provides students with an opportunity to attend school at least 1 day per week, we have been looking in creative ways to support our Year 12 students to transition back to fulltime face - to - face learning.

Starting from **Monday 18 May**, Year 12 students are now able to attend an extra day each week, on Thursday. In supporting students in completing their major works, projects and performances, additional times have been scheduled on Monday, Tuesday and Friday afternoons from **1.30pm to 3.00pm** (refer to the revised weekly timetable below).

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

Please Note:

- **Year 7-11** students in the **High School, Support Faculty** and **Intensive English Centre** will follow the same timetables commenced on Monday May 11 2020.

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	AT SCHOOL	ONLINE
Scheduled Year 12 Workshops & Tutorials.	-Music -IT Timber	-Visual Arts -IT Auto -Design & Technology			TBA



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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

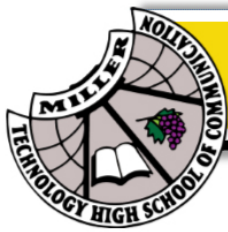
Miller IEC Term 2 Calendar



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)



What does the School Day Look Like?

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 - YA Lesson/Physical Activities	1:50	2:25
Period 8 - YA Lesson/Physical Activities	2:25	3:00

- On scheduled learning days there will be **NO** online learning.
- Due to **social distancing measures**, classroom sizes have been reduced to between 10-12 students. As a result, students in Years 7-10 may receive learning from a teacher other than their regular class teacher.
- On **non-scheduled days**, **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).
- In supporting student wellbeing, **Year Adviser Lessons/Physical Activities** have been scheduled for each cohort during periods 7/8.

Suggested Afternoon Activities: Years 7 to 10

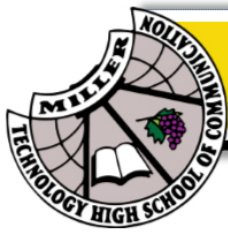
- Reading: a minimum of 20 minutes
- Wordflyers
- Longer term assignments
- Class activities not completed from the morning
- Extension work - as provided or of your own design.

Suggested Afternoon Activities: Years 11 & 12

- Assignments
- Edrolo
- Class activities not finished from morning lessons
- Additional work set by the teacher
- Self-directed learning - subject reading, note taking, summaries, revision, memorising, practice papers.

Have Transport Arrangements Changed?

- No, school buses will be running at **normal times**, before and after school.



What are the Attendance Requirements?

With the Phase 1 Managed Return to School, all students who can are able to attend on scheduled learning days. Parents who choose to keep their children at home will be marked present provided that they continue to engage in their learning at home, and the school has been notified. If your child is **sick** and unable to attend scheduled learning days, please notify the school.

On non-scheduled learning days students engaged in home learning will be marked present. Students **not** engaged in home learning will be marked absent.

What is happening with Year 12 assessments?

Year 12 Assessment Schedules

- Following NESAs guidelines, students will be provided with adequate written notice of any changes in assessment tasks or scheduling.
- Clearly marked *Revised HSC Assessment Schedule* will be distributed to, and signed by students, Week 4, Term 2.
- Amended HSC assessment schedules may include assessment tasks which contain exam style conditions during in class assessment tasks.

Year 12 HSC Trials

- HSC Trials will still take place, as scheduled.

2020 VET Mandatory Work Placement

- Students are **no longer** required to undertake NESAs-mandated VET work placements.

HSC Projects, Body of Works and Performances

- As per NESAs Advice, Head Teachers will provide information about in-school marking processes for Visual Arts, Industrial Technology and Design and Technology. The due dates for externally marked Society and Culture Personal Interest Projects and Music submitted works remain unchanged.

HSC Minimum Standards Testing

- Minimum Standards Testing will continue to occur and will be coordinated by the Learning and Support Teacher coordinator.

Social Distancing and Enhanced 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 students who are unwell from school.
- It would be appreciated if as an additional precaution, students' temperatures are checked before leaving for school.
- Cough or sneeze into elbows to **avoid spreading** infection. Avoid touching face.



- Engage in **regular hand washing**, especially before eating during breaks.
- Maintain **social distancing (1.5 m apart)** in the classroom, playground, in corridors and when queuing. **Floor markings** have been created to assist.
- Use **hand sanitising** facilities provided in the classroom and other health items in a responsible manner – ideal to bring your **own** hand sanitiser.
- 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 the park.
- Assist in keeping **classroom desks** and **school equipment clean**, as directed by the teacher.

Will the Canteen be Open?

- The school canteen is **OPEN** for business. 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 **WATER FOUNTAINS** located in A Block and E Block.

Finally, I just want to say, that in these current unprecedented times, as a school and community, we have proven that quality learning can be designed and delivered remotely and that the continuity of learning can assist to provide stability, support and comfort for both the young people in our care, and their families. I believe that if we continue to work together, as we have been doing so far, we will come out on the far side of this crisis better and stronger as a community.

We will continue to update parents through email, our Facebook page and the School Stream app. I would particularly like to point you to our Facebook page to see the happy smiling faces of our students so pleased to be back at school to learn and to again catch-up with, and to socialise with friends.

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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