



Creating the difference

Tanilba Bay PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Stay-at-Home Orders remain in place

STAGED RETURN to school:

Kinder and Year 1 return Oct 18th

**All other children back at school from
October 25th**

**Take Home Learning Packs provided until
students' scheduled date of return.**

**Online classrooms will stay active until
students' schedule date of return.**

LET THE SUNSHINE IN!

These last few weeks of Lockdown might feel a bit grey, but just a look outside will brighten the spirits and remind us that sunshine is just around the corner. Students begin to return to school from October 18th, when we will welcome children in Kindergarten and Year 1 back to school. We just can't wait!

With local COVID cases, it is normal and natural that some parents and carers are feeling nervous about children returning to school. From October 18th, we will be taking additional health and safety measures to reduce the risk of virus transmission, including:

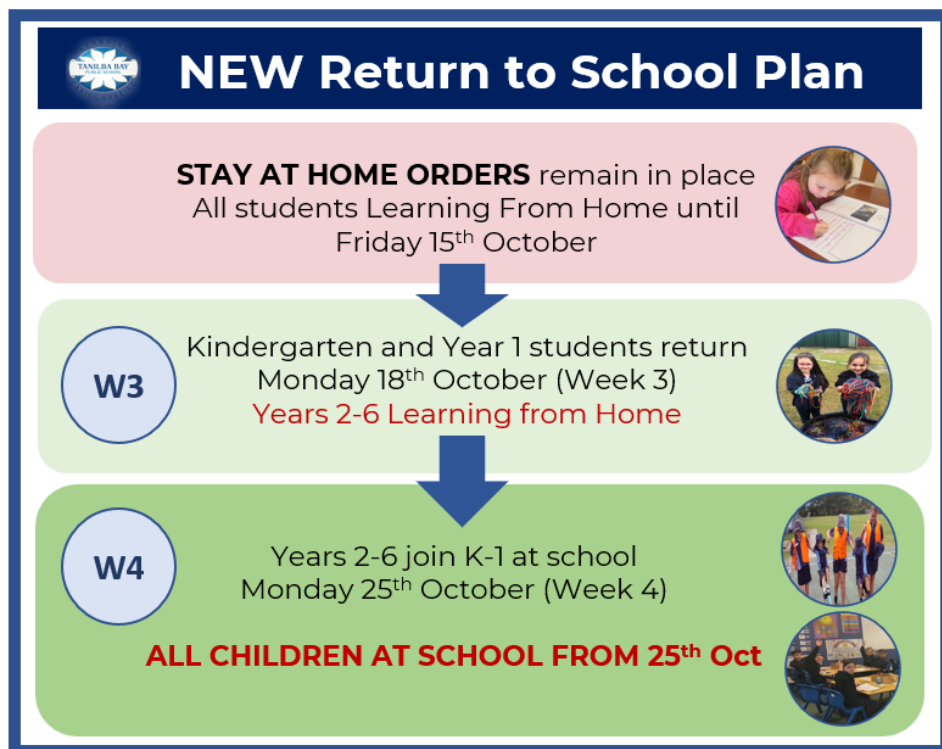
- Only vaccinated staff on site
- Students play and learn in class groups – mingling between year levels kept to a minimum
- Bubblers will remain out-of-use
- Additional cleaning of classrooms and play equipment
- Masks mandatory for staff and strongly recommended for students.

Once all students return, it is likely that we will once again implement staggered breaks and home-times so that stage groups can be kept apart as much as possible. We'll discuss our ideas and plans with our P&C, then update you.

We will do all we can to keep children safe. As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's teacher, an Assistant Principal, our Deputy Mrs Walker or me if you have questions.

WE HAVE A NEW PLAN

Schools have been advised that students in Years 3, 4 and 5 will now return a week earlier than initially planned. That means, the new plan is for ALL students to be back school from Monday 25th October, with the Kinders and Year 1s still returning the week before that.



The Staged Return Plan will bring us back to school at LEVEL 3 PLUS.

It would be a big help if parents continue to keep children at home as often as possible until their scheduled return date.

If cases rise, any LGA could be placed back into Lockdown at any time, with the schools in that LGA sent back to Level 4. Keeping children home until they're scheduled to be at school could really help stop the spread over the crucial next two weeks.

KA-CHING!

Very sadly, the Hunter Valley Zoo Excursion for Kinder children has now been cancelled and work has already begun on issuing refunds. As we must have a signed form from each parent needing a refund, our office staff are preparing these for you and will get them to you as soon as possible.

Next week, we have an extra person in the office, who will be contacting parents and carers to organise refunds for both the Milson Island and Canberra trips. Turns out...giving money back is not so easy.

Our auditors like a very clear paper trail, so there are strict rules we must follow. We will help you by checking our systems to see how much each family has paid to date, calling you to make sure we've got it right, then providing you with the correct form to activate your refund.

Thank you so much for your patience and understanding as we get this sorted for you.

Lockdown is the pits...but I couldn't think of a lovelier community to be locked down with. Families have been under enormous pressure, but unfailingly generous and supportive to us in our work. There has been SO much change, with plans often not as we might like. We have been grateful for your understanding that like you, we are dealing with forces beyond our control. We are working hard at school to make sure that when your child returns, they receive a very warm welcome and are preparing to begin the very important 'catching up' work that lies ahead.

Abigail Sawyer, Proud Principal