

COVID-Safe School Operations



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Level 1 School operating in a COVID-safe/ COVID-normal way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools can operate in a COVID-normal way Students and staff to not attend school if they have symptoms; negative COVID-19 test required prior to returning to school Parents, carers and visitors are allowed on-site QR code check-in and check-out required for all staff and visitors COVID safety plans required in line with NSW Health advice (such as large gatherings or events) Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances allowed in line with broader Health settings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inter-school sport in line with community sport guidelines Community use in line with broader Health settings SRE/SEE (externally provided religion and ethics classes) operational Community Language Schools operational P&C on site Additional cleaning measures in place Further detailed guidance available on the Department's website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff and students are supported to wear a mask or face covering should they choose to do so.
Level 2 COVID-safe; restrictions on activities and non-essential visitors	As per Level 1, except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-essential visitors not allowed on-site (including parents and carers) Mask wearing recommendations Staff identified as vulnerable supported to work from home Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances allowed in outdoor settings only Assemblies must have COVID-Safe practices in place and no parents/ carers are allowed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excursions within Local Government Area only, and strongly recommended to be outdoors and within walking distance Further detailed guidance available on the Department's website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While in indoor settings in schools, masks or face coverings are recommended for all staff, and all students in Year 7 and above.
Level 3 COVID-safe; further restrictions on activities and non-essential visitors	As per Level 2, except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mask wearing requirements Introduction of staggered breaks and reduced mingling of student cohorts wherever possible Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands and school performances not permitted No assemblies No excursions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No community use (except early childhood services and OOSH services) No uniform shops No SRE/SEE (externally provided religion and ethics classes) No Community Language School on site Further detailed guidance available on the Department's website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While in indoor settings in schools, masks or face coverings are mandatory for all staff, and all students in Year 7 and above.
Level 4 Learning from home encouraged, schools are open for families who need it	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Families are encouraged to keep their children at home, with no student to be turned away Schools activate plans to support continuity of education for all students learning from home. 	Where students and staff are at school, Level 3 guidelines apply, except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No community use (except early childhood services) No canteens Further detailed guidance available on the Department's website. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While in indoor settings in schools, masks or face coverings are mandatory for all staff, and all students in Year 7 and above.