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## Farmborough Road Public School

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Dear parent / carer

As announced by the Minister, from 8 November all NSW schools will move to updated Level 3 settings that bring school operations more in line with what is allowed in the community.

I would like to update you on the key changes that will be in place at our school from Monday 8 November and for the rest of Term 4.

### **Keeping us all safe on school grounds**

A combination of layered COVID-safe plans and measures will allow us to prioritise student and staff safety and keep our school open. To do this, the following guidelines will be in place:

- Students, staff and visitors must not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms.
- All staff and adult visitors on the school site must be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination.
- Masks are required indoors for all staff, adult visitors and strongly recommended indoors for primary students. Masks can be removed when eating or exercising.
- All staff and visitors must check in when attending a school site or gathering.
- Adults should maintain 1.5 metres physical distancing wherever practicable.
- Activities and events will be held outdoors where practical.

Indoor spaces will be well ventilated and as large as possible for the number of attendees - following square metre guidelines.

- Students will be kept in stage cohort groups (K-2 and 3-6) where possible to avoid mingling. This will include play times, morning assemblies and breakfast club.
- Students and staff will maintain good hand hygiene and schools will continue with enhanced cleaning, including high touch points.

## **From 8 November**

Our school will operate on updated Level 3 settings **for the rest of Term 4 2021**, with the following activities allowed in a COVID-safe manner:

Assemblies and Presentation Day are allowed outdoors, with cohorts separated and physical distancing in place. Parents/carers will not be able to attend.

Community use is allowed outside of school hours (including P&C meetings) with COVID-safe plans in place – in line with public health requirements.

Excursions are allowed outdoors (and indoors where sole use of the premises is available).

Year 6 Farewell will be allowed within cohorts, either on school sites or at external venues – with COVID-safe plans in place and physical distancing adhered to.

School sports are allowed, including inter-school sports outside of school hours.

Kindergarten and Year 6 transitions and orientations are allowed in a COVID-safe way that minimises mingling between visiting and school students. Parents/carers will only be allowed to do a short drop off and pick up.

## **Parents and carers on site to support school operations**

Fully vaccinated parents and carers will only be allowed on-site to support specific school operations (for example - volunteer run uniform shops). These volunteers must check in using the school check-in and show proof of vaccination on entry to the school site. Parents/carers will still be unable to access the uniform shop and will need to continue to put in orders through the office.

Thank you again for your continued support during this school term.

We look forward to more freedoms as schools return in 2022.

Michelle Wells