COVID-19 - Operational guidelines for schools

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General COVID-19 requirements in schools and workplaces	NSW Health Locations of known transmission	All staff must monitor the NSW Health website for locations where there may have been exposure to COVID-19 and adhere to the advice as appropriate.	NSW COVID-19 case locations	
	Attendance at work or school	All staff and students are expected to be at school. Staff and students should not attend work or school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms should be sent home and should not return until they have received a negative test result and are symptom-free. In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test. If parents or carers believe that their child has a condition which means it's not safe for them to return to school, they will need to provide a medical certificate. In this instance schools should encourage these families to speak with their doctor or health care provider to develop a COVID-19 Action Plan External link to support decision-making about their activities, including attendance at school.		

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General COVID-19 requirements in schools and workplaces		If a student is absent for more than three days without a medical certificate, this will be recorded as unauthorised absence and followed up by the school. In relation to medical certificates, if there is an ongoing pattern of poor attendance and major concerns, under chapter 16a of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1999, the principal can contact the student's GP to discuss the matter. Principals will need to provide evidence of their concern. If students have not returned to school, a compassionate and common sense approach should be used. Schools should work with the student and their parent or carer to put a plan in place to support their return to school. Staff should be reminded to follow the COVID-19 operational guidelines while at work and when planning and engaging in teaching and learning activities.	Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1999	
	Physical distancing	Students are not required to physically distance from each other Staff and visitors to schools and offices must maintain 1.5m distance from other people where practicable. Refer to the Student Wellbeing section for further information on staff delivering personal care needs to students.	NSW Health research of COVID-19 in schools	

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General COVID-19 requirements in schools and workplaces	Personal Hygiene	All staff and visitors should: • Wash their hands regularly and/or use hand sanitiser throughout the day • Staff should support and encourage students to wash hands regularly • Maintain respiratory hygiene – cover a cough/sneeze and dispose of tissues • Tissues and other personal use items must be disposed of immediately into the bin • Avoid physical contact in greetings, such as shaking hands or hugging • Posters on personal hygiene to be displayed in schools and workplaces	General Infection Control guidelines Posters on personal hygiene	
	Hygiene and Cleaning	Enhanced cleaning arrangements remain in place which are: • Cleaners wipe down high touch surfaces		
	Sign in arrangements for visitors and others to our sites	All visitors to a school site must comply with sign-in arrangements. This includes the requirement to sign the school sign-in sheet where they acknowledge that they will comply with the COVID-19 requirements for visitors, contractors and service providers each time they visit. Schools are encouraged to use QR Codes		
	First aid and infection control	Staff should continue to provide first aid according to the school's regular routines and first aid arrangements. Standard precautions for infection control must always be followed. PPE is available and is to be utilised relevant to infection or contamination risk. Temperature monitors are available in first aid kits and should be used relevant to a first aid response. General-use masks are not required in schools and are not mandatory for parents and	First Aid Procedures and support resources Infection control procedures and practical guides PPE resources and	

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		carers visiting schools. Staff and students may wear them if they choose.	demonstrations Temperature monitors	
General COVID-19 requirements in schools and workplaces	Staff health and wellbeing	All school-based staff are expected to be working on campus. To stay COVID-19 safe, everyone should practice good hygiene and keep a physical distance from other people. Staff may access the following to support their personal wellbeing: • Staff at increased risk of severe illness can implement an individual COVID-19 Action Plan to support their return to the workplace • Diocesan and RI and PJP Employee Assistance Provider (EAP) offers a range of support including: o General counselling o Post-incident support services Please discuss with your Employee Assistance Provider (EAP) their capacity to provide EAP services remotely. Be assured that these services are still in place and available 24/7.	NSW Health COVID-19 Action Plan	
	Reporting of cases of COVID-19	Schools should report any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 to your Diocesan office (Systemic schools) or Catholic Schools NSW (RI and PJP schools) and contact the local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055 to provide details so that the Public Health	COVID-19 Response Protocols	

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General COVID-19 requirements in schools and workplaces		Unit can follow up as necessary. All reports received will be reviewed with NSW Health and the school will be advised if any further action is required.		
	Emergency drills	Schools should continue to practice their emergency drills. Staff should continue to maintain physical distance from other adults where practicable during the drill		
	COVID-19 Safety Plans	COVID-19 Safety Plans are required for events and activities as set out in these guidelines, particularly those that involve the school community and gatherings of more than 50 adults.		COVID-19 Safety Plan template and guidelines
	Masks and temperature screening	Face masks are not required in schools for staff, students or visitors. Staff and students may wear their own mask in schools or office environments. Students over the age of 12 and staff must comply with the Public Health (COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings) Order 2021 when travelling to and from school and during school excursions by public transport, or by chartered or private transport services in Greater Sydney Widespread temperature screening is not required and is not recommended in schools		
	Continuity of education and remote working and learning	Schools are to have systems in place to support continuity of education for students in the event that students and staff are unable to attend school (e.g. COVID-19 self-isolation requirements).		

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Working and Learning from Home	Continuity of education and remote working and learning	The CSNSW Learning Resources Portal: Secondary and the Learning Resources Portal: Primary are in place to support continuity of education for students in the event that students and staff are unable to attend school (e.g. COVID-19 self-isolation requirements). Schools may use the resources available in addition to local school resources as required when schools are non-operational for on-site learning for any reason to support education continuity.	Learning Resources Portal: Secondary (Yammer) Learning Resources Portal: Primary (Yammer)	
Boarding schools	Boarding schools must also comply with all other school requirements	Boarding schools must comply with all school requirements set out in these guidelines. The Boarding School Guidelines set out additional requirements including: • Reduced capacity in residential areas in accordance with the guidelines • Residential areas to remain off limits to non-residential staff and students • Personal hygiene requirements to be adhered to • Physical distancing requirements to be maintained • No shared food or buffet style meals to be served to boarders • Students may leave the school grounds for after school and personal social activities • Close monitoring of student health to be maintained • COVID-19 testing arrangements to be in place at all times Refer to the guidelines for further information.	Boarding School Guidelines	

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School Activities	General COVID-19 requirements	General principles: • Students are not required to physically distance • Interschool activities are permitted • Practical infection control guidelines must be adhered to, including hygiene requirements for use of equipment • External providers and specialist coaches/program facilitators delivering sport and physical activities must adhere to general COVID-19 requirements for visitors • Alternative options should be considered when planning school activities in case there are sudden changes to restrictions or a need to cancel events • Students over the age of 12 and staff must comply with the Public Health (COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings) Order 2021 when travelling to and from school activities and during school excursions by public transport, or by chartered or private transport services in Greater Sydney		
	Sport and physical activities	Schools must comply with the general COVID-19 requirements for school activities in addition to the measures listed below: • Weekly sport and recreational activities, gala days, selection trials for representative sport and activities, whole of school carnivals, zone and school carnivals and interschool events are permitted • The number of participants involved in sport and physical activities at a venue/facility must comply with external venue restrictions • Parents/spectators may attend school or external venue events in accordance with the COVID-19 Safety Plan. Please note that some venues, such as major recreational facilities, may have additional safety requirements • School sporting activity requirements, whether indoors or outdoors, should align with those in place for other community sporting competitions and training activities in NSW unless held at a venue with additional capacity allowance such as	Infection control procedures and practical guides	

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School Activities		a major recreational facility. • External coaches and other providers are permitted • Use of local external sporting grounds, swimming pools (including hydrotherapy pools), recreational facilities and community facilities is permitted. This includes border school communities using interstate venues where border requirements permit • A member of staff must be available to supervise gym or fitness sessions at all times. Where there are more than 20 students in the gym at one time, staff must ensure that infection control guidelines are implemented • Records of those participating in external events and activities must be maintained for a period of 28 days in accordance with contact tracing requirements. Schools do not need to provide a list of attendees to the venue. Details of a contact person from the school who holds the attendance records is all that is required Cleaning arrangements are in place for any shared equipment		
	General classroom activities	Students are not required to physically distance. Staff must maintain 1.5m distance from other adults where practicable. • Staff providing personal care and support to students should use PPE where appropriate.	Infection Control Fact sheet for Classrooms	
	School Assemblies	Assemblies are permitted but should be limited to less than an hour where possible. Parent/carers and special guests may be invited however must comply with physical distancing and personal hygiene requirements at all times.		
	Singing, chanting, group	Schools must comply with the general COVID-19 requirements for school activities in addition to the measures listed below: • In-class educational activities such as group repetition, chanting, recitation, or	Infection control procedures and practical guides.	

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School Activities	repetition and choirs	singing activities are permitted • Singing groups must have a distance of 5m between the groups and the audience where practicable • There is no limit on the number of performers participating in a group in schools • Large well ventilated spaces or outdoor areas should be used for group singing and chanting activities where possible • External providers are permitted		
	Bands and ensembles	Schools must comply with the general COVID-19 requirements for school activities in addition to the measures listed below: • Musical groups including bands and ensembles are permitted • Well-ventilated spaces or outdoor areas are to be used where possible • All students and staff must comply with the Safe Health Practices infection control requirements	Practical guide for infection control	
	Library	Schools to adhere to Infection Control requirement for Libraries	Infection control for librarians	
	Dance and Drama	Schools must comply with the general COVID-19 requirements for school activities in addition to the measures listed below: • Individual and group work in drama is permitted • Sharing of costumes or other props and equipment should be avoided unless thoroughly cleaned between use • High-touch areas and equipment must be wiped down regularly		
	School performances, productions, concerts, speech nights	School performances, productions, concerts, speech nights and award presentations are permitted with a COVID-19 safety plan in place. External venues may have additional safety requirements to which schools will need to		COVID-19 Safety Plan template and guidelines

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	and award presentations	adhere. Parents and spectators may attend subject to COVID-19 safety Plan. General COVID-19 requirements for visitors apply. Infection control requirements relevant to the events activities must be followed. This includes the sharing of costumes or other props and equipment should be avoided unless thoroughly cleaned between use		
School Activities	Excursions, Camps and Field Trips and Principal-endorsed activities for students	Events and activities are permitted with COVID-19 Safe arrangement in place. Schools are required to develop a risk management plan for all excursions and off-site school activities. When developing their risk management plan for excursions and overnight events, schools must comply with existing policy and procedure requirements, and include where relevant, the below measures to ensure these events are conducted in a COVID-safe way. • Check that the location is not listed by NSW Health as a location of concern • Complete a risk management plan • As the COVID-19 situation can change quickly, schools should consider the level of community transmission in the local community just before the excursion or overnight activity is held, along with other risks associated with the event, as part of their normal risk assessment process. • External venues and providers must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan for the event and activities. Schools will need to consider and comply with external venue restrictions. For example, there may be a maximum number of participants able to attend an activity at a facility. In these situations, schools may need to limit or	Public Health (COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings) NSW COVID-19 case locations NSW Government COVID-19 Safety Plans Risk Management	COVID-19 Safety Plan template and guidelines

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School Activities		modify participation to ensure compliance with external venue requirements. • Exclude staff, students and others who are unwell from attending. • Develop strategies for responding to a person becoming unwell, including ways to isolate students who develop flu-like symptoms, and arrangements for parents to collect a child who is unwell. This is particularly important for events conducted interstate or where overnight accommodation is required. • Ensure personal hygiene requirements in accordance with the infection control procedures. • Follow physical distancing requirements for all staff, facilitators and supervisors. • All participants must comply with wearing masks in accordance with current public health orders • Coordinate transport and travel times to avoid crowding on public transport. Where practical, negotiate with the bus company to implement cleaning protocols before student travel. • Have measures to avoid gatherings/crowding - for example, pre-booking tickets/seats to events (such as animal shows or exhibits) and identifying suitable locations for meal breaks or rest areas in outdoor areas such as parks. • Ensure food preparation and catering arrangements include individual serves and not buffet style. • Records of those participating in external events and activities must be maintained for a period of 28 days in accordance with contact tracing requirements. Schools do not need to provide a list of attendees to the venue. Details of a contact person from the school who holds the attendance records is all that is required • Cleaning arrangements are in place for any shared equipment • Staff and students should be allocated into groups when travelling on buses to avoid mixing groups for contact tracing purposes • Interstate excursions and camps to Vic, QLD and ACT can continue where border requirements permit these activities	Plan	

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School Activities		• Schools should also consider costs and cancelation policies. Often deposits are non-refundable if events need to be cancelled closer to the date. Discuss these options with the providers at the time of booking. Students, parents and carers should be made aware of any potential changes to plans including costs that may be incurred if an event is not able to proceed.		
	International excursions	International excursions are not permitted.		
	Playgrounds/play equipment	Playgrounds and play equipment may be utilised by students. Students should wash their hands or use hand sanitiser after use.		
	Water bubblers	Water bubblers are permitted in schools. Students are encouraged to bring water bottles from home that they can refill.		
	Trade Schools, VET and TAFE courses	All school and external education programs can continue to operate in a COVID-Safe way. Mixing of students is permitted.		

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School Activities		VET work placements can proceed subject to the availability of placement and appropriate risk assessments. School staff should contact their local work placement service providers to check if the host employer has the required COVID-19 Safety Plan prior to the approval of the placement. For further information refer to the NESA website. White card training is permitted.		
	Work Experience	Students are permitted to participate in work experience programs in a COVID-safe way.		
	Student attendance at aged care facilities	Students are permitted to attend aged care facilities following COVID-safe requirements		
	State exams (NAPLAN & HSC)	All state exams can proceed in a COVID Safe way.		COVID-19 Safety Plan template and guidelines
	Student orientation programs	School orientation programs are permitted taking into the account the following COVID safe requirements: • Visitors are to sign in and out on arrival and departure and use the school QR		

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School Activities		Code for visitors • Comply with personal hygiene and physical distancing requirements • Minimise use of school spaces and disruptions to classroom activities (i.e. limit the visitor to only accessing the spaces necessary for the purpose of the visit)		
	School graduations	School graduations can be planned with a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place	School graduation ceremonies COVID-19 Safety Plan	
	Formals and school dances	School formals, dances and other student social events are permitted with a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place	School formals COVID-19 safety plan	
	School Performances	Major events can proceed with a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place.		COVID-19 Safety Plan template and guidelines
	Large school community events (fetes and grandparent days, open days etc.)	Events are permitted with a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place.		COVID-19 Safety Plan template and guidelines

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School meetings and professional development	General COVID-19 advice	Schools must comply with the general COVID-19 requirements for school activities in addition to the measures listed below: • Schools must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place for meetings and professional learning activities involving more than 50 participants • Where there are less than 50 people gathering, personal hygiene, physical distancing, cleaning and record keeping requirements must be adhered to • Capacity must not exceed the limits as per the relevant square metre rule • External visitors and guests are permitted • External venues may be utilised, providers must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place • No shared food platters or buffet style food service • Cleaning arrangements are in place for any shared equipment and other items after each use • Staff should remain seated as much as possible during learning activities and a physical distance of 1.5m maintained A list of all people participating (including both staff and other adults) must be maintained for a period of 28 days including contact details in case they are required for contact tracing	Physical distancing guidelines Square metre rule NSW Health	COVID-19 Safety Plan template and guidelines
	Staff development days	Schools must comply with the general COVID-19 advice for meetings and Professional Learning in addition to the measures listed below: • Non-school based staff and visitors can attend subject to adherence to physical distancing and hygiene requirements • COVID-19 Safety Plan is required where there are more than 50 adults attending	Physical distancing guidelines Square metre rule NSW Health	COVID-19 Safety Plan template and guidelines

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School meetings and professional development	Professional learning	Schools must comply with the general COVID-19 advice for meetings and Professional Learning in addition to the measures listed below • Non-school based staff and visitors can attend subject to adherence to physical distancing and hygiene requirements • COVID-19 Safety Plan is required where there are more than 50 adults attending	Physical distancing guidelines Square metre rule NSW Health	COVID-19 Safety Plan template and guidelines
	Compliance training (e.g. First aid/CPR)	Schools must comply with the general COVID-19 advice for meetings and Professional Learning in addition to the measures listed below • Non-school based staff and visitors can attend subject to adherence to physical distancing and hygiene requirements • COVID-19 Safety Plan is required where there are more than 50 adults attending	Physical distancing guidelines Square metre rule NSW Health	COVID-19 Safety Plan template and guidelines
	Meetings and gatherings	Schools must comply with the general COVID-19 advice for meetings and Professional Learning in addition to the measures listed below: • Non-school based staff and visitors can attend subject to adherence to physical distancing and hygiene requirements • COVID-19 Safety Plan is required where there are more than 50 adults attending	Physical distancing guidelines Square metre rule NSW Health	COVID-19 Safety Plan template and guidelines

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Diocesan Office arrangements	Meetings, Professional Learning and workplace gatherings	Staff must comply with the general COVID-19 requirements for activities in addition to the measures listed below: • A COVID-19 Safety Plan for meeting and professional learning activities involving more than 50 participants • Where there are less than 50 people gathering, personal hygiene, physical distancing, cleaning and record keeping requirements must be adhered to • Capacity must not exceed the limits as per the relevant square metre rule • External venues may be used and must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place. Staff will need to adhere to venue requirements • No shared food platters, self-service or buffet style food • Cleaning arrangements are in place for any shared equipment and other items after each use • Staff should remain seated as much as possible during learning activities and a physical distance of 1.5m maintained where practicable • A list of all people participating (including both staff and other adults) must be maintained for a period of 28 days including contact details in case they are required for contact tracing	Physical distancing guidelines Square metre rule NSW Health	COVID-19 Safety Plan template and guidelines
	Visits to schools	Diocesan staff are permitted to visit schools and deliver services. Physical distancing and hygiene requirements must be adhered to	Physical distancing guidelines	
	Office attendance	Staff are able to return to working in their office as directed by their Diocese.	Physical distancing guidelines	

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Visitors, Community Use and Play Groups	General COVID-19 requirements	General requirements for visitors: • Visitors including parents/carers are welcome in our schools • Visitors must comply with sign-in arrangements • Visitors must be excluded if unwell, even with the mildest of COVID-19 symptoms • Visitors must maintain 1.5m physical distance from other adults (including staff) and other visitors when on the school site and at school pick-up and drop-off times where practicable • • External providers must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan so they continue to operate in a COVID-safe way • Schools must have a COVID-19 Safety Plan for events or activities at schools that involve external visitors		COVID-19 Safety Plan template and guidelines
	Parents and carers	Visitors including parents/carers are welcome in our schools and at activities offsite when following the COVID-19 requirements for visitors. This includes: • Parents/carers can attend meetings with teachers, including prospective parents, and attend orientation meetings • Parent/carer volunteers are permitted to volunteer in educational support roles • Parent/carer volunteers are permitted to volunteer in the canteen and uniform store • Parents/carers can attend school or community run playgroups • Parents/carers can attend school sporting and arts events at external venues subject to the COVID-19 safety plan of the venue Parents/carers can participate in a community or P&C event or activity subject to the school's COVID-19 Safety Plan Parents/carers can enter school grounds to pick-up and drop-off their children without		COVID-19 Safety Plan template and guidelines

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		needing to sign in as visitors. Schools should continue to consider the use of alternate technology platforms for parent/carer meetings and other events where practical		
	External Providers and volunteers	External providers delivering curriculum programs (sports, arts, etc.) are permitted on school sites and must continue to operate in a COVID-safe way		
Visitors, Community Use and Play Groups	Research and practicum teachers	Research and practicum teachers are permitted on school sites and must continue to operate in a COVID-safe way	COVID-19 Requirements for Visitors and Service Providers	
	Contractors and maintenance services	Contractor and maintenance providers are permitted and must continue to operate in a COVID-safe way	COVID-19 Requirements for Visitors and Service Providers	
	Uniform Shop and Canteen services	All adults working in these environments must: • Practise good hygiene and maintain a physical distance of 1.5m from one another • Not attend if unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms Strategies should be in place within these environments to: • Limit the number of people working in the space and organise activities that support those working to maintain a physical distance of 1.5m from one another • Comply with personal hygiene and food safety requirements as appropriate	COVID-19 Requirements for Visitors and Service Providers	

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Visitors, Community Use and Play Groups		• Reduce crowding and contact between parents/carers collecting uniforms. For example, allow parents to pre-order uniforms and collect at a designated time, additional operating times to minimise gatherings of parents or arrange for different cohorts to attend on specific days		
	Official visitors and dignitaries	Official visitors and dignitaries are permitted on school sites taking into the account the following COVID safe requirements: • Visitors are to sign in and out on arrival and departure and use the school QR Code for visitors • Comply with personal hygiene and physical distancing requirements • Minimise use of school spaces and disruptions to classroom activities (i.e. limit the visitor to only accessing the spaces necessary for the purpose of the visit)		
	Allied Health partners and other providers	Allied Health partners and other providers are permitted and must continue to operate in a COVID-safe way		
	Electoral commission officers conducting polling location inspections	Permitted following general COVID-19 requirements for visitors		
	Diocesan staff delivering specialist support	All staff are able to attend schools and other workplaces. Staff should comply with the General COVID-19 requirements in these guidelines.		

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	Media and production crews	Media and production crews are permitted on school sites taking into the account the following COVID safe requirements: • Visitors are to sign in and out on arrival and departure and use the school QR Code for visitors • Comply with personal hygiene and physical distancing requirements • Minimise use of school spaces and disruptions to classroom activities (i.e. limit the visitor to only accessing the spaces necessary for the purpose of the visit)		
	P & C meetings and events	P & C meetings and events are permitted on school sites with COVID-19 Safety Plan in place and taking into the account the following COVID safe requirements: • Visitors are to sign in and out on arrival and departure and use the school QR Code for visitors • Comply with personal hygiene and physical distancing requirements • Minimise use of school spaces and disruptions to classroom activities (i.e. limit the visitor to only accessing the spaces necessary for the purpose of the visit)		
	Principal endorsed community events	Principal endorsed community events are permitted with a COVID-19 Safety Plan up to a maximum of 50 people outdoors within the Greater Sydney area and 100 people outdoors for all other locations		
	Pre-schools managed by Diocese	Preschools are to be managed consistent with the rest of the schools in accordance with these guidelines.		

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Visitors, Community Use and Play Groups	OOSH	Permitted on school sites operating in a COVID-safe way		
	Playgroups	Playgroups are permitted to operate in a COVID Safe Way. Parents and other adults are to comply with the general requirements for visitors on school sites.		
	Community Centres	Community Centres can operate in a COVID Safe Way.\n\nParents and other adults are to comply with the general requirements for visitors on school sites		
	Community language schools	Community language schools are permitted to operate in a COVID safe way.	Community use operators on NSW school sites acknowledgement form	
	Saturday School of Community Languages	Saturday language schools are permitted to operate in a COVID safe way.		
	External Community Use	Community use of school facilities (by external operators) is by exception only, requiring written approval by the principal and written acknowledgement by the operator.	Community use operators on NSW school sites acknowledgement	

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Visitors, Community Use and Play Groups		Community use arrangement can proceed with user groups required to have a COVID-19 Safety Plan. All operators must sign the Community use operators on NSW school sites acknowledgement form.	form	
	School Holiday Programs	School Holiday Programs, including vacation care, can operate in a COVID safe way.		
Transport	Assisted School Travel Program	Staff and providers must comply with the general COVID-19 requirements at all times in addition to the following: • Masks are to be worn by drivers and support staff • Students over the age of 12 and staff must comply with the Public Health (COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings) Order 2021 when travelling to and from school activities and during school excursions by public transport, or by chartered or private transport services in Greater Sydney.	Public Health (COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings)	

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Transport	Public transport	People over the age of 12 and staff must comply with the Public Health (COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings) Order 2021 when travelling to and from school activities and during school excursions by public transport, or by chartered or private transport services in Greater Sydney.	Public Health (COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings)	
	Private transport	People over the age of 12 and staff must comply with the Public Health (COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings) Order 2021 when travelling to and from school activities and during school excursions by public transport, or by chartered or private transport services in Greater Sydney.	Public Health (COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings)	
	School buses	Students over the age of 12 and staff must comply with the Public Health (COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings) Order 2021 when travelling to and from school activities and during school excursions by public transport, or by chartered or private transport services in Greater Sydney.	Public Health (COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings)	
	Fleet Car Vehicles	Fleet car COVID-safe requirements to be adhered to at all times People over the age of 12 and staff must comply with the Public Health (COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings) Order 2021 when travelling to and from school activities and during school excursions by public transport, or by chartered or private transport services in Greater Sydney.	Public Health (COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings)	

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Student wellbeing and attendance	Student support needs	Staff should continue to provide routine care and support to students such as feeding, toileting and administration of health care procedures according to the school's regular routines. Staff should adopt physical distancing where possible. Where more than one staff member is required for the support of students such as assisted walking and moving a student using a hoist, staff should maintain physical distancing between each other where possible. The appropriate use of personal protective equipment when administering medication is required in instances where there is a risk of exposure to bodily fluids. • Refer to the Infection Control Resources for further information.	Practical guide for staff working in SSP and Support Units Infection control and PPE resources	
	Student counselling and other support services	Staff may continue to deliver services to schools in compliance with General COVID-safe requirements.		