



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear parents, carers and community members

New COVID-19 Restrictions

Last week new COVID-19 restrictions came into place so that we can keep each other safe at school. Whilst our additional cleaning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic, anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste, and loss of smell), even mild symptoms, should not be at school.

Parents are required to arrange for the person who is unwell to be tested so they can return to school as soon as possible once their symptoms have resolved to minimise the absence from school. For people who are unwell with respiratory symptoms, a negative COVID-19 test result must be received and sighted by the school.

COVID-19 test results for HSC students will be prioritised by NSW Health to minimise any impact on HSC preparations. When HSC students are getting tested, they need to advise the GP/clinic that they are currently doing their HSC so their test results can be prioritised.

If after testing negative, the person has ongoing symptom which persist beyond 10 days. The person (staff or students) should arrange to see their doctor. The medical assessment should consider whether the symptoms are typical for that person (for example seasonal, allergic rhinitis), and provide documentation for the school if this is the case. If there are new symptoms at any time, the person should be tested again.

Year 12 Trials

Our Year 12 students will be undertaking their HSC Trial Exams during Week 7. We encourage them to stay focused and remain calm during this formative time. Good luck to all of you, you have our full support.

New School Sign

The new school sign is now in operation. We will be using this, in conjunction with our usual communication methods, to send out messages to parents in the event of the school requiring a deep clean. Be sure to check the sign out when visiting the school.

Support

We are certainly in uncertain times and at Emmaville Central School we are aware that many families are doing it tough. Please know that the school is here to support you and your children. Contact me for a phone chat if you are in need any support/assistance.

Thanks again to our community for your great support for our beautiful school.

Take care

Mrs. Gillian Davis
Principal

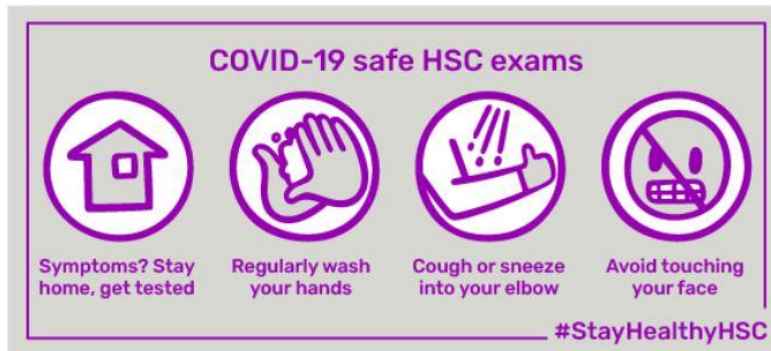
SECONDARY NEWS

Students continue to be very conscious about hygiene whilst at school - they're in a great routine of wiping their desks down with an anti-bacterial wipe, and then hand sanitising at the start of each lesson.

6 Into 7 Transition

Our first day of 6 into 7 Transition was set for later this term. However, due to a change in the COVID-19 guidelines, from the Department of Education, we must wait until Term 4 to run transition programs in schools. At this stage, two days are planned for transition- where students will be able to experience what secondary school is like. Students will also receive a comprehensive information pack that will help parents and carers to also prepare for the change from primary to secondary. If you have any concerns in the meantime, please contact the school and ask to make a phone appointment with me.

Covid-19 Information for Students Sitting HSC Exams



Health and hygiene measures are in place to keep students COVID-safe at the HSC oral language and written exams.

Most importantly, if a student is unwell at the time of the exam, they must seek medical advice and keep documentation for the school to submit to NESAs.

Students can apply for COVID-19 illness or misadventure, if at the time of a HSC exam(s) they have evidence that:

- they have tested positive for COVID-19.
- they have COVID symptoms (fever, cough, sore/scratchy throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste or sense of smell).

In some circumstances, it will also be available if at the time of a HSC exam(s):

- The school or exam venue is closed.
- The student is required to self-isolate, but is otherwise well.

EXAM DAY PROTOCOLS

Do NOT attend the exam(s) if:

- You have COVID-19 symptoms.
- You are required to self-isolate.
- You test positive for COVID-19.

You must:

- Regularly wash your hands.
- Cough and sneeze into the crook of your elbow.
- Avoid touching your face.
- You may also choose to wear a mask and/or gloves.

- Exam rooms will be thoroughly and frequently cleaned. Hygiene supplies will be available and regularly re-stocked.

Emmaville Central School has alternate venue plans in place, in case our school is closed due to Covid 19, for our students to sit their HSC exams.

Please contact the school if you have any further questions about the HSC during this challenging time, or alternatively you can visit <https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/covid-19/coronavirus-advice/hsc/covid-19-safe-hsc-exams>.

Miss Rebecca Grant
Head Teacher- Secondary Studies.

PRIMARY NEWS

National Science Week

As a part of our National Science Week, Banksia class were fortunate enough to partner with our Secondary Science Teacher to run an experiment where the students explored chemical reactions and rocketry. Students got to test their own rockets to see how high they could launch them. A huge shout out to all students for their immaculate behaviour and enthusiasm throughout the experiment and to Mr Davis for giving us the time for these experiments.

“Science is simply common sense at its best.” - Thomas Huxley

Water Bottles

Students are to continue to bring their water bottles to school and NOT use the bubblers to drink from.

Facebook Page

We are putting up some excellent work and photographs of lessons that students are engaging in on our Facebook page. Why don't you have a look at the learning goals your child/children are working towards.

VALID Science

Next week, students in Year 6 and 10 will be participating in our annual VALID Science online testing. This is a great way to gain a snapshot of where students are at with their scientific knowledge and skills.

Cold weather

Please ensure that students are coming to school in appropriate clothing to suit the weather conditions. A reminder that we still have jumpers and jackets with no names in our clothing pool. If you need any assistance with clothing, please contact the office.

Mrs Rebecca Sullivan
Assistant Principal



A visit from Royal Far West to offer support:

A small team of 2-3 clinicians from Royal Far West (RFW), including a mix of Social Workers, Occupational Therapists, Speech Therapists and Psychologists, will be visiting our community/school from **Monday 14th September – Friday 18th September**, providing a range of support activities as part of their Bushfire Recovery Program. This includes the offer of:

- A small group program for students (Stormbirds) which helps with experiences of 'change & loss' – places in the group may be limited; however the learnings will be used to benefit all children. We are currently recommending students for the group, so please look out for the Consent Form & Brochure if your child has been recommended.
- Support & information session/conversations with parents/carers. This will be done in a way which complies with COVID-19 policies – location and details to be confirmed. This session can focus on a range of topics such as discussing 'change & loss' (the Stormbirds program), supporting children following trauma, and parenting support. Please contact the school to express interest in attending & if you have any preference/suggestions for areas to focus on.
- Support to School staff who play an important role in helping students and the broader school community with recovery.

The Clinicians from RFW will be following all the COVID-19 policies, procedures and advice from Health and Education during their visit. We are looking forward to having the RFW team join us.