



Emmanuel Anglican College Community Update: 9 September 2021

Dear students, staff and families,

The NSW Government has announced an easing of restrictions and a lifting of the 'Stay at Home' order covering the Local Government Areas of the Byron Shire, Richmond Valley, Lismore and Ballina at midnight on Friday 10 September 2021. Students from Early Learning to Year 10 and those in Year 12 will return to face to face learning on Monday 13 September. Year 11 students will continue to undertake their End of Preliminary Course Examinations remotely via online mode. Staff and students will return under Level 3 restrictions designed to minimise the risk of spread of Covid19.

Thank you to all our students, staff and families for your patience, flexibility and good will throughout the Home Based Learning period. It will be wonderful from both a learning and wellbeing perspective to have teaching staff and students back on site once again.

Practising good health and hygiene habits

The return to school process will be supported by the following health and safety procedures:

- Any students and staff with cold and flu like symptoms or respiratory illness are to stay home, seek medical advice and get tested for Covid19. They are not to return to school until symptoms are resolved.
- All staff and secondary school students must wear a mask in all indoor and outdoor areas including when travelling on buses. Primary students are actively encouraged to wear masks. Exemption exists for students with known health conditions. Parents are asked to provide supporting documentation if students seek an exemption.
- Regular hand washing will be encouraged throughout the school day. Hand sanitisers will be readily available and all toilets have soap dispensers.
- Additional cleaning of facilities and surfaces will occur during the day.
- Students are to bring water bottles to school and bubblers will now be refilling stations only.
- Doors and windows across the College will be open to promote cross flow ventilation.

College Procedures and Routines

- The College site remains closed to parents and visitors. The College Office will continue to operate in a virtual mode and can be contacted via email at enquiries@eac.nsw.edu.au or phone 6681 5054.
- The Coastal and Hinterland Bus Service will recommence on Monday 13 September.
- NO canteen service will be available in week 10 of Term 3. We hope to resume services early in Term 4.
- After College Hours Care and Vacation Care services will continue as normal. Please direct enquiries to elc@eac.nsw.edu.au
- To promote physical distancing and reduce mixing of age groups, designated areas will be established for particular year groups and some staggered break times will be introduced.
- All extra-curricular activities including Band, Choir, Excursions and Sport remain suspended.
- Assemblies and Chapel Services will continue in an online format.

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Pick up and drop off procedures

Parents using the drop off and pick up zones and are not to mingle, must practice physical distancing and are to wear masks at all times. Where possible, parents of Primary students are asked to utilise the following pick up times to help minimise congestion:

2.45pm - Kindergarten to Year 3

3.00pm - Year 4 to Year 6

Parents with children in multiple age groups are asked to pick all their children up at the latest relevant pick up time.

Process for return on Monday 13 September

Areas have been allocated to students to reduce mingling and mixing of students of different age groups. Prior to the commencement of the school day students are to go directly to these areas.

Year group(s)	Area	Year group(s)	Area
K- Year 2	Primary Oval	Year 7	Oval
Years 3-4	Primary Undercover area	Year 8	Basketball Courts
Years 5-6	Primary Court	Year 9	Undercover Area
		Year 10	Areas around Library
		Year 11	Continue online examinations
		Year 12	Year 12 Common Room

Secondary Wellbeing Meetings

On Monday, all secondary students will move into their year based Wellbeing class at 8.48am. Students will have an opportunity to reconnect with their peers and will receive information about the changes to the daily routine required under the Level 3 restrictions. Normal lessons will resume in Lesson 2.

	Brockington	Purcival	Smith	Walker
Year 7	ST1	ST2	ST3	ST4
Year 8	L3	Ezzy 1	L2	S1
Year 9	LS3	ST7	ST8	ST10
Year 10	D2	D3	D1	ST5b
Year 11	Continuing with End of Preliminary Course Examinations -Online			
Year 12	TC3	TC3	TC4	TC4

Celebrating the final day of term - Friday 17 September

All students in the Primary school are invited to dress in their favourite book character costume and encouraged to bring a copy of their favourite book. Students in the Secondary school are invited to dress in their favourite sporting team colours.



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General health advice

I ask all families to stay informed of the latest health advice, to be proactive in supporting our community efforts to protect ourselves against the risk of illness and to take up the opportunity to be vaccinated. The latest NSW Health advice can be found at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

Once again, I thank you for your support, patience and goodwill as we continue to navigate these uncertain times together.

Your faithfully,

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