



TRINITY
GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Trinity Grammar School, Junior School

Return to School Information Booklet, Term 4, 2021



A message from the Head Master



I am writing this introduction with a great sense of anticipation, as we look forward to the resumption of face to face learning later this term. As we have observed many times, the School is a community of people and we need to gather together to nourish and sustain the relationships in that community. It has been too long since we were able to gather.

As we have seen over recent weeks, the path to opening up the State continues to shift. For this reason, in this booklet and the resources linked herein, we have attempted to clarify our plans for the first few weeks of term, recognising that attempting to be too precise too early is bound to lead to frustration. While the School is committed to following the public health advice provided by NSW Health, as an Independent School we have some latitude to implement that advice in the ways that best fit our particular context.

Managing the return to school in a COVID-safe way is complex, particularly in light of the diversity in our community regarding the appetite for return. I encourage all members of our community to continue to be patient and gracious to one another, to support the School as we work to support your sons, and to be thankful that this particular phase of extended stay-at-home restrictions appears to be coming to an end.

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Detur gloria soli Deo

“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

Lamentations 3:22-23

Tim Bowden | Head Master



Message from the Head of the Junior School



To say that we are excited about the return of students and teachers to campus is an enormous understatement! Whilst students, staff and parents have laboured magnificently under the constraints of remote learning and achieved a great deal, the boys grow best at school with one another and in the presence of skilled and caring teachers. We are dearly looking forward to the return of Kindergarten, Year 1, and Year 2 and Year 6 on Monday, 18 October, and then the return of Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 one week later on Monday, 25 October. It is our hope that these dates herald the start of an uninterrupted on-campus finish to the 2021 school year.

We have planned this staggered return with the wellbeing of students paramount, and ensuring we adhere to all government health recommendations. On a K to 12 campus, this means we will have to make some adjustments in the interests of student and community safety. Most noticeably, Junior School start, finish and break times will be different to enable us to share parts of the Summer Hill campus (like the carpark) without coming into contact with the Middle and Senior Schools. I ask parents to particularly note and adhere to the drop-off and pick-up 'windows' for each cohort to assist us to keep everyone safe.

Once boys arrive at school, it will then be our task to keep cohorts separate, no small task given we operate in one building. Creative timetabling with staggered breaks, separate bathrooms and careful routing of student movement will allow us to do so. A priority in our scheduling is to maximise the opportunities for boys to be with, play with, and learn with their peers and, where possible, to undertake some of the 'hands-on' and 'together' experiences sorely missed in recent months.

The school day will be different to make it as safe as possible, but it will be engaging, productive and fun.

Mark Dunn | Head of the Junior School

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Health and Safety

Trinity's return to school plan follows a staged return, in line with the NSW return to face-to-face learning plan for schools under stay-at-home restrictions.

Weeks 1 to 2: Remote Learning - Level 4

Weeks 3 to 4: Staggered Return - Level 3+

What do the Levels mean?

Level 4 Stay-at-home orders are in place. Students learn from home, unless they need to be at school. School-based supervision is available for any child that needs it.

Level 3+ Stay-at-home orders are in place. Students return to face-to-face learning in staggered cohorts. Limited activities. COVID-safe practices.

Level 3 Stay-at-home orders are no longer in place. All students are expected to be at school. Limited activities. No visitors. COVID-safe practices.

Follow Health Advice

All families are expected to monitor the NSW Health Website and adhere to the advice as appropriate.

Students must not attend School if:

- They have any, however mild, cold or flu-like symptoms (fever, cough, sore/scratchy throat, shortness of breath, loss of taste or sense of smell)
- They have been tested for COVID-19 and have not yet received their test result
- They have been directed by NSW health to self-isolate
- They have tested positive for COVID-19
- They are a designated secondary close contact. The student must get a COVID-19 test and self-isolate until they and the close contact receive a negative result
- Someone in their household has symptoms of COVID-19. The household member should be tested and if they are negative, the student can then return to school

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For the latest information about COVID-19

visit [nsw.gov.au](https://www.nsw.gov.au)



Attendance

It is expected that all students will attend school as required, unless they are directed to stay at home as per the current health advice.

Parents should contact the School if they believe there is a reason their son cannot return to school.

Preparatory School:

Mr Richard Lever
Deputy Head of the Preparatory School

Junior School:

Mr Craig Hassall
Deputy Head of the Junior School

Middle School:

Mr John Allen
Head of the Middle School

Senior School:

Dr Heath De Lany
Head of the Senior School

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Health and Safety

What are our COVID-safe practices?



Masks

All staff will wear masks indoors and outdoors.

Masks are strongly recommended for primary school students.

Students should bring their own masks: a plain dark coloured 3-layer cloth mask or a light blue disposable.

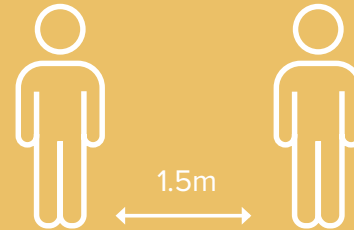


Personal Hygiene

Avoid physical contact in greetings, such as shaking hands or hugging.

Students will be reminded to use hand sanitiser as they enter and leave rooms as well as washing hands thoroughly as appropriate.

Maintain respiratory hygiene – cover a cough/sneeze and dispose of tissues.



Physical/Cohort Distancing

Under the current guidelines strict COVID-safe practices must be followed for staff and students when at school, including mask wearing where applicable and physical distancing.

Consideration will always be given to physical distancing and limiting interactions between groups.

As a minimum, students should ensure that the 1.5 metre rule can be applied between people whenever possible.

Students will be reminded to maintain social distancing wherever possible.

Facilities (eg. toilets), timings and movement routes are being managed to minimise casual contact with students in other cohorts.



Restricted Access

Non-essential visitors are not permitted on school sites.

Parents should:

- Follow the physical distancing advice for their local area and avoid gathering outside of school gates.
- Remain in cars when using the Victoria Street carpark.
- Different arrangements apply to drop-off and pick-up for OSH Club, because of the different sign-in and sign-out procedures.

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What are our COVID-safe practices?



School Hygiene

Enhanced COVID-19 cleaning arrangements will remain in place, including:

- cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces such as benchtops, desks, doorknobs, taps, and hand rails at regular intervals throughout the day
- cleaning and disinfecting frequently used objects such as computers, photocopiers, and sports equipment
- providing bins and hand sanitiser in every classroom and emptying bins regularly throughout the day
- thoroughly cleaning frequently touched points in bathrooms after each break time and at the end of the day



Staggered Return to School

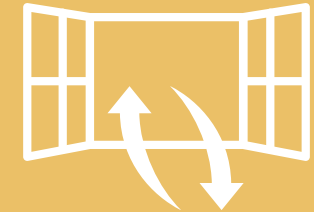
Details of the return to school roadmap are outlined in the Remote Learning and Return to face to face pages of this document.



Vaccinations

All staff at the School are required to be fully vaccinated.

The School strongly encourages all students eligible for COVID-19 vaccination to do so. Details about vaccinations are available from NSW Health.



Ventilation

The School has undertaken an extensive ventilation audit of its indoor learning spaces to ensure adequate air circulation in all indoor environments.

Air purifiers with HEPA filters will be installed in appropriate locations, as required.

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School Activities Weeks 1 to 4



Buses

No School buses until further notice. Public transport remains available.



Co-curricular

Sport training will not take place during Weeks 1 to 4.

Current Co-curricular activities running online will continue.



Uniform Shop

The Midford Uniform Shop will only be available for online ordering with parents encouraged to use the home delivery options. The shop will initiate a Click and Collect system from Week 2. Details will be available through Midford Online.

schoolshopnew.midford.com.au/trinitygrammar



Cafeteria and Canteen

Closed until further notice. Students to bring their own food and drink.



Music

Music ensembles are on hold until further notice.

Individual music tuition will continue remotely through negotiation with your tutor; however, these lessons will not be able to take place during school hours once the student has returned to face-to-face school.

Uniform Expectations

As services re-open, the School expects students to be in Term 4 uniform, with appropriate haircuts. PE uniform to be worn to School on days advised by class teacher.

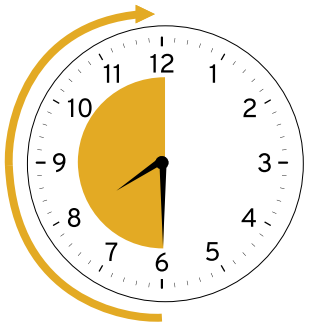
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Health and Safety

Using the Summer Hill Carpark

Junior School start and finish times are different to enable sharing of the carpark without coming into contact with Middle and Senior Schools.

Parents **must** adhere to the drop-off and pick-up windows to assist us to keep everyone safe.

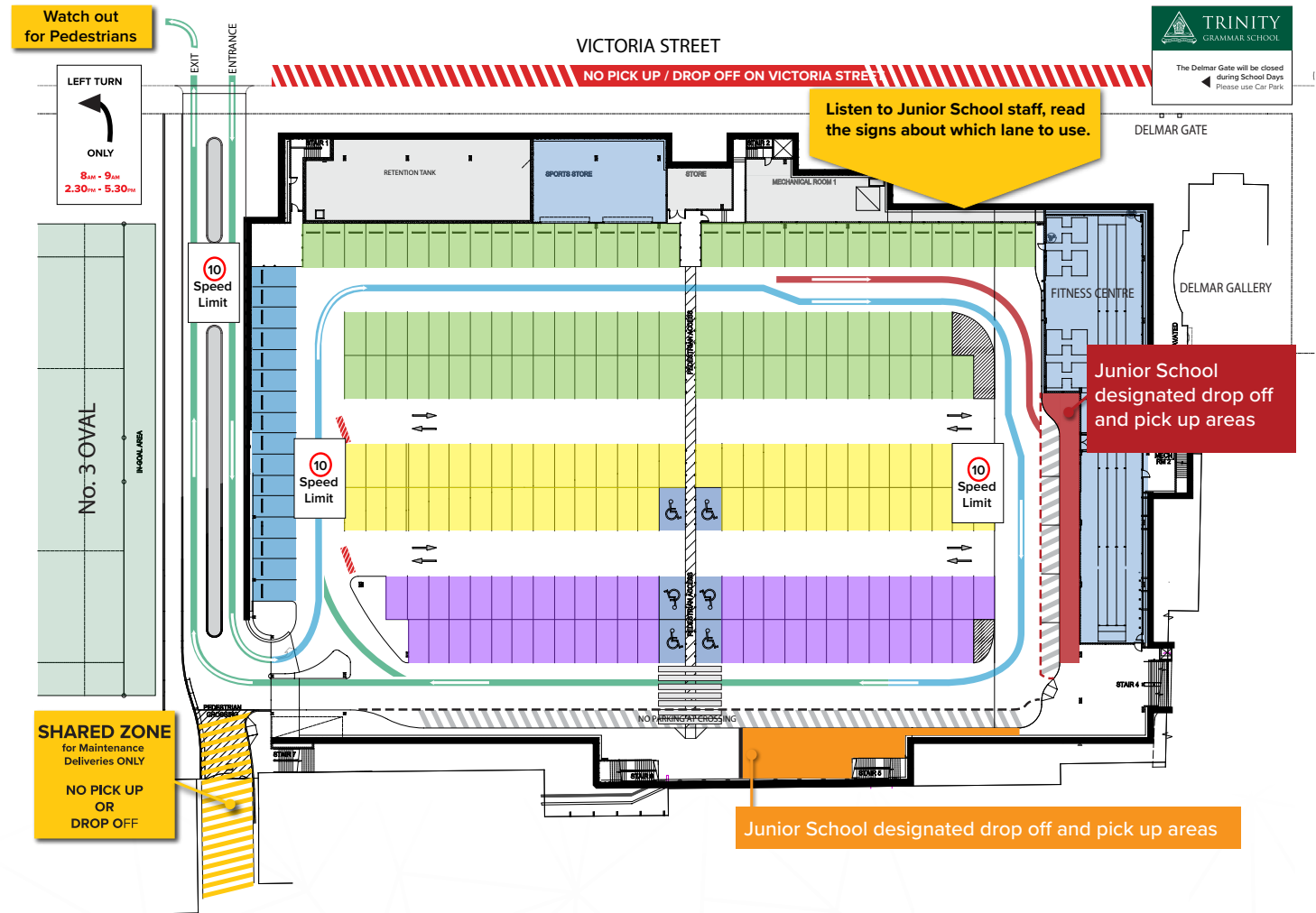


Junior School drop off window: 8.30am to 9.00am

Prior to 8:30am the car park is designated for Middle and Senior School drop off. Please help us maintain COVID safety by staying within the designated time slot. Do not drop off students before 8:30am.

Junior School Pick Up: See each cohort page for times.

Listen to the traffic marshals and follow the signs.



Remote Learning and Return to Face to Face

Junior School Roadmap

Thursday, 7 October

Remote learning resumes for all students

Monday, 18 October

Return to face to face, Kindergarten, Years 1, 2 and 6

Monday, 25 October

Return to face to face, Years 3, 4 and 5

Year 6 in focus

Remote Learning

Thursday
7 Oct

Remote learning will resume Day 1 of Term 4.

The schedule remains unchanged from Term 3 and will operate until Year 6 returns to school.

Face to Face

Monday
18 Oct

Return to face to face, Year 6

All Year 6 students are expected to **return to School** from Monday, 18 October.

Parents should contact **Mr Craig Hassall**, Deputy Head of the Junior School if they believe there is a reason their son cannot return to school.

Transport – Drop Off And Pick Up

- Students will be required to be dropped off and picked up by parent car.
- An amended carpark 'drive-thru' service will operate in the morning (8:30am – 9:00am) and afternoon (3:00pm – 3:20pm). *Please note the later start time and earlier finishing time to allow greater staggering and social distancing from the older students. Please do not drop students at school before 8.30am.*
- Parents are strongly encouraged to use the carpark 'drive-thru' service (morning and afternoon) and to avoid picking up on foot.

School Day Outline

- The School day will commence at 9:00am.
- Year 6 students should enter via the carpark and will be immediately directed to a Year 6 outdoors area (or their classroom in the event of inclement weather).
- Eating and play breaks will be staggered with other Year levels to ensure students remain in their cohort at all times.
- Year 6 will operate with a unique timetable to allow them to operate as a cohort and avoid contact with other Year levels.
- All learning will occur in the classroom or designated Year 6 learning spaces.
- Students will only be dismissed from the Victoria St carpark at 3:00pm and must be collected by 3:20pm.
- Year 6 students with younger brothers in Kindergarten to Year 4 will be dismissed at the earlier time of 2:40pm to facilitate a single pick-up.

End Of Year Details

- The PYP Exhibition will take place remotely on Monday, 22 November.
- Year 6 Valedictory Service will take place on Tuesday, 7 December and will be streamed to parents.
- Prize Giving will take place on Monday, 6 December and will be streamed to parents. This event will include all award winners from 2021.
- End of year celebrations, events and Chapels will be finalised closer to the time, based on NSW Health guidelines. We will make these experiences available to parents remotely as we are able.

Remote Learning and Return to Face to Face

Junior School Roadmap

Thursday, 7 October

Remote learning resumes for all students

Monday, 18 October

Return to face to face, Kindergarten, Years 1, 2 and 6

Monday, 25 October

Return to face to face, Years 3, 4 and 5

Year 5 in focus

Remote Learning

Thursday
7 Oct

Remote learning will resume for all students from Day 1 of Term 4.

The schedule remains unchanged from Term 3 and will operate until Year 5 returns to school.

Face to Face

Monday
25 Oct

Return to face to face, Year 5

All Year 5 students are expected to **return to School** from Monday, 25 October.

Parents should contact **Mr Craig Hassall**, Deputy Head of the Junior School if they believe there is a reason their son cannot return to school.

Transport – Drop Off And Pick Up

- Students will be required to be dropped off and picked up by parent car.
- An amended carpark 'drive-thru' service will operate in the morning (8:30am – 9:00am) and afternoon (3:00pm – 3:20pm). Please note the later start time and earlier finishing time to allow greater staggering and social distancing from the older students. Please do not drop students at school before 8.30am.
- Parents are strongly encouraged to use the carpark 'drive-thru' service (morning and afternoon) and to avoid picking up on foot.

School Day Outline

- The School day will commence at 9:00am.
- Year 5 students should enter via the carpark and will be immediately directed to a Year 5 outdoors area (or their classroom in the event of inclement weather).
- Eating and play breaks will be staggered with other Year levels to ensure students remain in their cohort at all times.
- Year 5 will operate with a unique timetable to allow them to operate as a cohort and avoid contact with other Year levels.
- All learning will occur in the classroom or designated Year 5 learning spaces.
- Students will only be dismissed from the Victoria St carpark at 3:00pm and must be collected by 3:20pm.
- Year 5 students with younger brothers in Kindergarten to Year 4 will be dismissed at the earlier time of 2:40pm to facilitate a single pick-up.

End Of Year Details

- Prize Giving will take place on Monday, 6 December and will be streamed to parents. This event will include all award winners from 2021.
- End of year celebrations, events and Chapels will be finalised closer to the time, based on NSW Health guidelines. We will make these experiences available to parents remotely as we are able.

Remote Learning and Return to Face to Face

Junior School Roadmap

Thursday, 7 October

Remote learning resumes for all students

Monday, 18 October

Return to face to face, Kindergarten, Years 1, 2 and 6

Monday, 25 October

Return to face to face, Years 3, 4 and 5

Years 3 and 4 in focus

Remote Learning

Thursday
7 Oct

Remote learning will resume for all students from Day 1 of Term 4.

The schedule remains unchanged from Term 3 and will operate until Years 3 and 4 return to school.

Face to Face

Monday
25 Oct

Return to face to face, Years 3 and 4

All Year 3 and 4 students are expected to **return to School** from Monday, 25 October.

Parents should contact **Mr Craig Hassall**, Deputy Head of the Junior School if they believe there is a reason their son cannot return to school.

Transport – Drop Off And Pick Up

- Students will be required to be dropped off and picked up by parent car.
- An amended carpark 'drive-thru' service will operate in the morning (8:30am – 9:00am) and afternoon (2:40pm – 3:00pm). Please note the later start time and earlier finishing time to allow greater staggering and social distancing from the older students. Please do not drop students at school before 8.30am.
- Parents are strongly encouraged to use the carpark 'drive-thru' service (morning and afternoon) and to avoid picking up on foot.

School Day Outline

- The School day will commence at 9:00am.
- Years 3 and 4 students should enter via the carpark and will be immediately directed to a Years 3 and 4 outdoors area (or their classroom in the event of inclement weather).
- Eating and play breaks will be staggered with other Year levels to ensure students remain in their cohort at all times.
- Years 3 and 4 will operate with a unique timetable to allow them to operate as a cohort and avoid contact with other Year levels.
- All learning will occur in the classroom or designated Years 3 and 4 learning spaces.
- Students will only be dismissed from the Victoria St carpark at 2:40pm and must be collected by 3.00pm.

End Of Year Details

- Prize Giving will take place on Monday 6th December and will be streamed to parents. This event will include all award winners from 2021.
- End of year celebrations, events and Chapels will be finalised closer to the time, based on NSW Health guidelines. We will make these experiences available to parents remotely as we are able.

Remote Learning and Return to Face to Face

Junior School Roadmap

Thursday, 7 October

Remote learning resumes for all students

Monday, 18 October

Return to face to face, Kindergarten, Years 1, 2 and 6

Monday, 25 October

Return to face to face, Years 3, 4 and 5

Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2

Remote Learning

Thursday
7 Oct

Remote learning will resume for all students from Day 1 of Term 4.

The schedule remains unchanged from Term 3 and will operate until Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 return to school.

Face to Face

Monday
18 Oct

Return to face to face, Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2

All Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2 students are expected to **return to School** from Monday, 18 October.

Parents should contact **Mr Craig Hassall**, Deputy Head of the Junior School if they believe there is a reason their son cannot return to school.

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School Day Outline

- The School day will commence at 9:00am.
- Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students should enter via the carpark and will be immediately directed to an Infants area (or their classroom in the event of inclement weather).
- Eating and play breaks will be staggered with other Year levels to ensure students remain in their cohort at all times.
- Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students will operate with a unique timetable to allow them to operate as a cohort and avoid contact with other Year levels.
- All learning will occur in the classroom or designated Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 learning spaces.
- Students will only be dismissed from the Victoria St carpark at 2:40pm and must be collected by 3:00pm.

End Of Year Details

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