



# Thurgoona Public School

*Excellence, innovation, opportunity – student success in a caring environment*

## Health, Safety and Wellbeing during the COVID-19 pandemic

**Help us** 

### stop the spread

- Clean your hands thoroughly** for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Cover your nose and mouth** when coughing and sneezing with a tissue or a flexed elbow. Put the tissues in the bin.
- Avoid close contact** with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.
- Stay home** if you are sick.

At Thurgoona Public School, it is of the utmost importance that we maintain the health, safety and wellbeing of our staff, students and school community. We will continue to implement a range of measures in order to provide a healthy and safe learning environment.

All school activities and operations will be in line with Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines as applicable. The Health and Safety guidelines outlined in this brochure are decisions made by the government and the NSW Department of Education to assist in flattening the curve and support the reduction of the spread of COVID-19. Expectations to ensure health and safety of all students, their families and staff are a priority during the COVID 19 pandemic.

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# OPERATIONAL DETAILS

## Parents/Carers

- To minimise additional movement and numbers of people on site, parents/carers are requested to avoid entering school grounds. For the safety and wellbeing of everyone, please use the designated external pick up and drop off areas. External pick up and drop off areas will be clearly identified with signage. We encourage you to contact the school by phone or email as required, however if you need to make contact with the office in person, then please adhere to social distancing protocols.

**Phone: 02 6043 1244**

**Email: [thurgoona-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:thurgoona-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)**

- Parents and carers are asked to keep unwell children home and to seek medical advice if uncertain about a child's fitness to be at school.
- If you have a child with a health care plan, please ensure this is up-to-date and if required, provide additional advice to the school on any additional monitoring in the context of COVID-19.
- Do not hesitate to contact the school if you have further questions. Your child's teacher may not be available immediately, but they will contact you as soon as possible.
- Parents and carers are encouraged to discuss and emphasise the importance of personal hygiene, handwashing and physical distancing with their children. Returning to a safe and orderly environment will require a collaborative approach.
- Classes will resume, but large gatherings including assemblies, sports carnivals, excursions and most co-curricular activities are still on hold, until further notice.

## Students

- Students will be encouraged to wash their hands for 20 seconds with soap and water at regular intervals throughout the day. Young students will be supervised and supported with hand washing to ensure they are practicing good hygiene while at school.
- Students will be encouraged to place used tissues straight into a bin and then wash their hands.
- Students will be reminded to avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth.
- If your child is unwell, do not send them to school. If they are unwell at school you or your nominated emergency contact will be asked to collect them immediately. Please make sure your contact details are up to date.
- Students are not allowed to share food or drink.
- Students are not allowed to share personal stationery items such as, headphones, pens and pencils etc.
- It is important to remind your child to bring their water bottle. Students will be able to safely refill their water bottles, from the bubblers. Bubblers are cleaned each day after recess and lunch.
- Where students are required to line up or queue such as at the canteen and entry at the school office, they will be provided with clear markings to guide them on appropriate social distancing.
- It may be beneficial for your child to bring their own small bottle of hand sanitiser to school, if they are old enough to use it properly.

## Staff

- Any staff member who becomes unwell while at school will be sent home as soon as possible.
- Staff are aware of social distancing guidelines.

## Hygiene and Cleaning

Thurgoona Public School is applying a wide range of procedures across the school to increase the safety of students and staff.

- Every classroom, the administration building and canteen has been supplied with hand sanitiser for use by staff and students.
- Disinfectant wipes are provided to clean high touch areas such as desks, chairs, photocopiers and computers.
- The canteen when operational, promotes and adheres to the strictest hygiene practices in food preparation.
- We have cleaners working throughout each school day to clean bathrooms, door handles, desks, playground equipment and other high touch surfaces, in addition to the enhanced schools cleaning program.

## General

- Thermometers have been provided to the school that can be used if required and stored in our school sick bay.
- The Uniform Shop is available by appointment only, on Monday and Tuesdays.

## Thurgoona Public School Workplace Health & Safety Committee