



Special Edition - Week 7, Term 3

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ALL STUDENTS TO RETURN TO SCHOOL IN TERM 4 & HSC IN NOVEMBER

There will be a staggered return to face-to-face learning from October and HSC examinations will be delayed until November.

Returning to school

The Department of Education has developed a plan to bring students back in a COVID-safe way while stay at home orders are still in place – ensuring continuity of education, and protecting student, teacher and community safety.

Students will return to face-to-face learning with NSW Health approved COVID safe settings on school sites in the following order:

- **From 25 October – Year 12** will have full time access to school campuses and their teachers.
 - **From 1 November – Year 11**
 - **From 8 November – Year 7, 8, 9 and 10**
- If stay at home orders are lifted in an LGA or region before 25 October, all students living or learning in that area will return to face to face learning under the Department's COVID-safe schools framework.
- If cases in certain LGAs increase significantly, learning from home will resume for that LGA until case numbers drop.

HSC Examinations

- **HSC exams will be delayed until 9 November**
- revised timetable and guidelines for a COVID-safe HSC to be released by NESA in early September.
- The delay of the HSC exams will not disadvantage NSW students when applying to university.
- The updated start date means HSC results will be released in mid-January.

Vaccinations

- All students eligible for a vaccine will be strongly encouraged by the government to book an appointment.
- Students aged 12-15 will also be a priority if they become eligible for a vaccine.
- All parents who have not been vaccinated are strongly encouraged to get the vaccine as soon as possible.