



Parents and carers - what you need to know about our return to school in Term 4

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Dear Parent / Carer,

We are excited about our return to face-to-face learning and welcoming students and staff back onsite where we know the best learning happens. This is a short summary of what our parents and carers can expect.



Key dates for our staged return

Students will return to face-to-face learning in the following order

- from 18 October – Year 12 return
- from 25 October – all students Year 7 – 11
- Special education students return to school with their appropriate cohorts



Keeping student groups together

As we return to school students will be kept in cohorts to minimise opportunities for transmission of COVID-19 and to enable effective contact tracing and containment. At Moorefield Girls High School our 3 cohort groupings are:

Years 7 and 8; Years 9 and 10; Years 11 and 12



Mask wearing for students and staff

Mask wearing is required indoors for all staff and students in Year 7 and above and it is recommended for outdoor settings.

Students should bring their own masks where possible, but schools will have back-up supplies just in case. Masks are mandatory for all travel on public transport for children 13 years and older.



Vaccinations

You are not required to inform the school of your child's vaccination status.

Although not required, NSW Health are urging all students aged 12 and older to get vaccinated with either the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible before returning to school.

There is currently sufficient supply of the Moderna vaccine to community pharmacies and the Pfizer vaccine to General Practitioners.

All Moorefield Girls High School staff attending on-site will be fully vaccinated by 18 October.



Only essential visitors are allowed on school sites at this time.

Essential visitors must follow the vaccination and mask-wearing requirements and sign in using the Service NSW QR code when entering the school.



Having open or well-ventilated spaces reduces the risk of transmission of COVID-19 because infectious particles are more quickly diffused in the open air.

Our school has undergone the state audit. All classrooms will have windows and doors open at all times



You will be notified via email if a decision is made to close the school due to a confirmed case of COVID-19. If the school is temporarily closed, learning from home activities will recommence and we will let you know when we can return to face-to-face learning.



During Term 4 many school-based activities will remain on hold. This includes large celebrations like assemblies, presentation days and graduations, arts and sports events. Onsite Year 6 into 7 orientation and transition programs are not currently allowed in person on school sites.

We have planned to hold virtual presentation days if necessary. We have time to adjust all event plans and will hold events according to NSW Health advice at the time.

We are all looking forward to a full school by 25 October. I want to thank every family in the Moorefield Girls High School community

If you have any questions, please contact the school either by:

- Email <https://moorefielg-h.schools.nsw.gov.au> or
- Phone 95876095

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