



#### CREATING OUR FUTURE

Dear Parents and Caregivers

As you would be aware, the State Government has announced that all students are required to return fulltime to school on Monday, 25 May, 2020. This will mean that our ongoing support for the online learning lessons through Google Classrooms will cease as we return to our primary delivery method of face-to-face teaching. Our staff are excited by the students return to school.

We have been advised by the Department of Education that physical distancing for students in schools is not required as per the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines as applicable but should follow good hygiene practices like:

- Regularly washing hands
- Avoiding sharing drinks or food
- Coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately.

School attendance is compulsory for all students unless:

- They have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition
- They are currently unwell.

To assist us in managing COVID19, please do not send your child to school if they are unwell. We will contact you and request that you pick them up from school. We also have hand sanitiser and surface spray in every classroom and soap in the toilets. Additional cleaners have been employed to clean high touch areas around the school, such as hand-rails and door handles.

Year Assemblies will be held on Monday to issue students with a copy of their school timetable.

At this stage sport will not be part of the curriculum until local grounds and venues reopen. We will be teaching Wednesday Week A and B classes (total of 6 periods) on Wednesdays in lieu of sport. Senior students (Year 11 and 12) will still be able to leave school at the end of period 3 on Wednesdays (approximately 12.10 pm).

Our Semester 1 reports have been delayed, in line with Department of Education directions and will now be delivered in August 2020 allowing teachers to develop a more comprehensive analysis of student performance prior to writing the report.

We will be commencing our Yondr program in early June, requiring all students to secure their mobile phones in a pouch during school hours. Messages to your children will need to go through the THS Office.

I can now request that all students who were issued a laptop by the school to return these to school on Monday or their first day back at school. All students who received printed copies of work will need to return their completed work to their teachers. I have asked teachers to chase this work up next week.

I would also like to thank every parent and carer for their support of our teachers during the online delivery phase of working at home, our staged return to school over the last two weeks and the continued support I know we will receive as we recommence fulltime attendance.

Regards

Paul Humphrey

Principal

### Virtual Value+

Congratulations to all the students of Toormina High School. In the first two days of our Virtual Value+ Cards going live, teachers have awarded students 313 times for meeting our expectations of being Safe, Respectful, Learners, either learning from home or at school. Well done!. All students who have received Virtual Value+ Cards will go into our first virtual barrel draw next week.



The Year 11 PDHPE elective class were practising their impressive vertical jumps inside on Thursday.



## SURVEY

The Tell Them From Me student survey provides school principals and school leaders with insight into student engagement, wellbeing and effective teaching practices at their school, from the perspective of students. Toormina high School students have been completing their surveys this week and parents will be invited to take part in this survey later in the year.



## VACCINATION INFORMATION

On Tuesday June 23rd ,NSW Health will be coming to Toormina High School to undertake the next round of vaccinations for students. This time students in Year 10 will receive the Meningococcal ACWY vaccination and students in Year 7 and 8 who previously missed out on their vaccinations will be caught up. I have attached some information from NSW Health (over page)that explains the program and additional measures that NSW Health nurses have implemented to ensure it is managed in a safe way.

**Scott Gale, Head Teacher Wellbeing**

Please ensure all laptops and paper copies of workbooks return with your student to school.

Next week, Week 5 our school canteen will be back to normal menu and operating hours.

Please download the FREE Skoolbag communication app to your phone. We use this app for reminders and alerts. Instructions are on the Toormina High School website. Follow Toormina High School on Facebook (look for the school logo).

# NSW Health is ensuring that students are safely vaccinated at school during COVID-19

## - Information for parents/guardians

NSW Health has been working with education authorities to implement additional measures to ensure that students in Year 7 and 10 can be safely vaccinated during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Program background

In 2020 NSW Health is offering the following vaccines:

YEAR	VACCINE	NUMBER OF DOSES
Year 7	Human papillomavirus (HPV)	2 doses at least 6 months apart
	Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (dTpa)	1 dose
Year 10	Meningococcal ACWY	1 dose

While the school vaccination program has been disrupted due to low student attendance, students are progressively returning to school over the coming months.

### Additional measures

NSW Health has implemented additional measures based on expert clinical advice to reduce the likelihood of COVID-19 transmission in school clinics, including:

- health screening of nurses before clinics
- pre-vaccination screening of students
- physical distancing restrictions at the clinic entrance & observation area
- ensuring the number of students and nurses at the clinic does not exceed the maximum allowed
- enhanced hand hygiene by nurses and students
- enhanced environmental cleaning of all surfaces

### What parents/guardians should do

Parents/guardians should ensure that students with influenza-like symptoms do not attend school and are tested as soon as possible ([www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/symptoms-and-testing](http://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/symptoms-and-testing)). There is no need for parents/guardians who have given consent for their child to receive vaccinations at school to take any action. Parents/guardians who have not provided consent can contact their local public health unit on 1300 066 055 or their school for advice on how to provide consent for vaccination.

### When students will be vaccinated

Public health units are arranging clinics with schools so that vaccinations can be given to students as soon as possible.

### More information

Information about school vaccination during COVID-19 is available at [www.health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination)