



Bairnsdale Christian  
Community School

# Return to School Action Plan

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## WELCOME BACK!

It is with great joy that we will be able to welcome and connect with your children in a more meaningful way with a return to on-site schooling. Our teachers are super-excited and have been preparing the classrooms, learning schedule and activities for all our students' return on **Tuesday May 26**.

As a school leadership team we celebrate that we are able to take advantage of our school's size, with the facilities and space, to provide and support our parents and families who have children across year levels in the school. We believe that this will be of benefit to all involved. It is important that you and your child are aware of a number of things that have changed before they return to onsite learning.

Our schools must be healthy and safe environments for students, teachers and other staff to ensure the effective and efficient delivery of education to students. This document seeks to provide the return to school action plan and operational guidelines adopted by Bairnsdale Christian Community School for students and staff returning on site following the limited opening of schools as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

BCCS will continue to follow the advice provided by the Victorian Chief Health Officer and the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) regarding the operation of schools and early childhood services during the pandemic.

Our priority is doing what is in the best interest of our students, our staff and our wider school community.



# Being Safe at School



If a spike in Covid-19 cases occurs we will revert to Phase 1 or 2 restrictions and if a case is identified in the BCCS community the school will be closed for a number of days depending on government advice. Each proposed phase and timeline is open to review as new health and safety information becomes available. Our Return to Onsite Schooling Strategy is built on 4 phases (outlined below). Each phase has been triggered by announcements made by the Victorian government and is based on the current number of Covid-19 cases combined with current restrictions in place for Victorian residents.

## KEEPING YOUR CHILD/REN HOME WHEN THEY SHOULD BE AT SCHOOL

At BCCS our mission is to partner and support parents in educating, nurturing and equipping their child/ren and we understand that each family has completely different circumstances and you may choose to keep your child/ren to learn at home. For Year 3 - 6 students before June 9 remote and flexible learning remains available. We also look to work with families and students who need additional support/time to ready themselves for on-site school from June 9 to speak with us about transition days.

Families who choose to keep their child/ren home during the phased return when they are meant to be at school will need to assist their child/ren to learn at home. Teachers will primarily deliver learning to students who are at school and will make these learning experiences available to students at home where possible. These onsite teaching days may not always include a Learning at Home Program approach. Parents and carers are encouraged to contact their teachers to ensure an effective ongoing partnership between home and school.



Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	New Normal
School is open for families of essential workers and vulnerable children	All students welcome to come to school	All students at school full-time with physical distancing in effect.	All students at school full-time with full school activities.
April 15 6 Weeks	May 26 2 Weeks	June 9 2 Weeks	July 14 Indefinitely Unless New Outbreak
<b>Total Students on Site</b>			
30%	80 - 100%	90 - 100%	100%
<b>Kinder</b> On-site & Online - Allocated Days	<b>Kinder</b> On-site Only - Allocated Days	<b>Kinder</b> On-site Only - Allocated Days	<b>Kinder</b> On-site Only - Allocated Days
<b>Years Prep to 6</b> Learn from Home	<b>Years Prep to 6</b> At School  Remote and flexible learning available for Years 3 to 6  Transition days available for students who need additional support/time to be ready for June 9	<b>Years Prep to 6</b> At School	<b>Years Prep to 6</b> At School
Families are encouraged to keep their children at home where possible  Kinder continues online and onsite on normal allocated days	P- Year 6 students are all welcome to return to school for onsite learning  Kinder continues onsite on normal allocated days	All students from Kinder to Year 6 attend school full-time.  Students with increased health risks may learn at home if required.	All students from Kinder to Year 6 attend school full-time.  Classes and breaks become the student preferred 'new normal', staff continue physical distancing.

<p>Students of essential workers or those who cannot learn from home attend school for supervision</p> <p>No excursions or Inter-school activities</p> <p>Enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements continue</p>	<p>Classes and breaks utilise appropriate spacing and hygiene practices</p> <p>No excursions or inter-school activities.</p> <p>Enhanced cleaning &amp; hygiene supply arrangements continue.</p>	<p>Classes and breaks utilise appropriate spacing and hygiene practices</p> <p>No excursions or inter-school activities.</p> <p>Enhanced cleaning &amp; hygiene supply arrangements continue.</p>	<p>No excursions or inter-school activities until advice changes.</p> <p>Recommended cleaning &amp; hygiene practices related to Covid-19 continue.</p> <p>Communication with families regarding advice related to Covid-19 continues.</p>
<b>Families Must continue to ...</b>			
<p>If possible, keep their child/ren at home</p> <p>Support their child/ren to learn from home</p> <p>Communicate with teachers and the school regarding learning</p> <p>Keep child/ren home if anyone in the family is unwell.</p>	<p>Follow school advice regarding entry/exit processes.</p> <p>Maintain physical distancing - avoid gathering on school grounds.</p> <p>Partner with teachers and the school regarding learning, and transition requirements.</p> <p>Keep child/ren home if anyone in the family is unwell.</p>	<p>Follow school advice regarding entry/exit processes.</p> <p>Maintain physical distancing - avoid gathering on school grounds.</p> <p>Partner with teachers and the school regarding learning, and transition requirements.</p> <p>Keep child/ren home if anyone in the family is unwell.</p>	<p>Listen to and follow any emerging health advice related to new outbreaks of Covid-19.</p> <p>Partner with teachers and the school regarding learning, and transition requirements.</p> <p>Keep child/ren home if anyone in the family is unwell.</p>
<b>Families can now ...</b>			
<p>Send their child/children to school if parents or carers are essential workers or</p>	<p>Send child/ren to school</p> <p>Follow school/kindergarten specific instructions regarding drop off and pick up.</p>	<p>Send child/ren to school</p> <p>Follow school/kindergarten specific instructions regarding drop off and pick up.</p>	<p>Send children to kinder &amp; school full-time</p> <p>Utilise school services, including playground (dependent on the advice).</p>

# Kindergarten



As per the directions of the Victorian Department of Education and Training and Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC), Kinder has remained open and operational. Should parents choose to keep their Kinder child at home, remote learning will continue along the current principles adopted by the School when it moved to its 'Learn From Home' model. This will change during a phased return.

Kinder will only close if directed by the Department of Education and Training to do so, or if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19. During this time, the School will follow the advice of the Victorian Health Officer and will adopt the necessary cleaning guidelines before Kinder is reopened.

As Kinder is under the direction of the Department of Education and Training there is often a different set of criteria that Kinder are required to follow. These will be communicated to families by the Kindergarten Team as necessary.

