



Coronavirus:

Tasmanian Government Schools – Plan for Term 2

24 APRIL 2020

Monday 27 April:

The first day of Term 2 will be a Student Free Teacher Planning Day.

Tuesday 28 April:

Students will commence Term 2, which will look like this:

- Where possible, students will continue to learn at home, supported by parents and carers, with teachers leading this learning.
- School sites will be open in northern and southern regions for those students who cannot be supervised or supported to learn at home. In the North West region, schools will be closed until Monday 4 May.
- Those learning at home will be provided with tasks from their teacher, which have been adjusted for the home environment. Tasks will align with the Australian Curriculum and be a mixture of online and offline activities.
- Teachers will be in regular contact with students learning at home and will provide students with a learning schedule each week.

Learning at Home:

- The way your child learns at home will be different from how they have been learning at school. As a parent or carer your role is not to replace the teacher. It is to support your child or young person's learning provided by the school.
- Your school will provide learning activities and information to support learning at home. The learning that is provided may be online, offline or a combination of both. The learning will be designed to meet your child's needs and adjusted for the home environment.
- Parents are encouraged to help their child to feel connected by keeping in contact with their child's teacher and scheduling time for connecting with friends.
- Creating a supportive learning space for the child and developing a daily routine will help to keep them focused on their learning at home activities. Take the opportunity to have fun and encourage your child to be curious and creative.

- More ideas and advice for parents who are supporting their child's learning at home is available on the [Department of Education Learning at Home](#) webpage.

Safety precautions in place at schools:

Our schools remain safe places for staff and students to attend. Additional safety measures include:

- Students and staff who are unwell are being advised they must not attend school.
- Putting in place handwashing and hygiene protocols to ensure both staff and students are regularly washing their hands with soap and water.
- High-touch surfaces in classrooms (desks, door handles etc.) and other areas being frequently cleaned.
- Putting in place strict hygiene protocols for the use of school equipment, including musical instruments, books, gym gear and playgrounds.
- Utilising technology for gatherings and meetings, such as conducting meetings and assemblies online
- Not conducting gatherings, including excursions, assemblies, camps, trips and interschool activities.
- Strongly promoting social distancing.
- Implementing alternative employment arrangements for employees who are vulnerable to COVID-19.
- Closing school swimming pools.

Optional precautions:

Schools are implementing a range of additional strategies including:

- Using larger, alternate locations/classrooms within the school.
- Designating drop-off/pick-up points for parents in spacious areas.
- Making use of outdoor learning spaces.
- Staggering collection times for teaching and learning packs.

Review:

These arrangements will be regularly reviewed in light of the Public Health advice and situation at the time. Schools will maintain frequent communication with parents providing up-to-date information about the situation.

In the event of a confirmed case onsite:

Any decision to close a school will be made in consultation with Public Health authorities, however, it is likely that a school will temporarily close if a confirmed case is identified. This will allow time for Public Health to conduct contact tracing and identify any close contacts.

If it is necessary to close a school a deep clean of the school will take place to ensure the safety of staff and students prior to reopening.

The Department of Education is well-prepared to support our school staff and students if this occurs.