



LAKES GRAMMAR

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Dear Parents and Carers

The first two weeks of Term 2 have come to an end. Now for the next exciting stage of our return to school! Year 12 have already returned and from next Monday, 11 May we begin the phased transition for all students to a full-time return to school. On Monday our College-based transition, beginning with one day each week, will commence. I outlined this in my letter of 1 May and the following schedule is taken from that letter:

Weeks 3 and 4 (11 – 22 May):

Junior School

Essential services workers' children, and all K-6 students in the respective Colleges below:

Monday: Ridley
Tuesday: Cranmer
Wednesday: essential services children only
Thursday: Lightfoot
Friday: Tyrrell

Senior School

- Year 12 attend Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Online learning at home on Fridays.
- All other students as below:
 - Monday:** Years 8 and 9 Ridley & Tyrrell
 - Tuesday:** Year 9 Cranmer & Lightfoot
 - Wednesday:** Years 8 and 11 Cranmer & Lightfoot
 - Thursday:** Years 7 and 10 Cranmer & Lightfoot
 - Friday:** Years 7, 10 and 11 Ridley & Tyrrell.Essential services children joining with their classes.

Weeks 5 and 6 (25 May – 5 June)

Junior School

Essential services workers' children, and all K-6 students in the respective Colleges below:

Monday: Ridley and Tyrrell
Tuesday: Cranmer and Lightfoot
Wednesday: essential services children only
Thursday: Cranmer and Lightfoot
Friday: Ridley and Tyrrell

Senior School

- Year 12 attend Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Online learning at home on Fridays.
- All other students as below:
 - Monday:** Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 Ridley and Tyrrell
 - Tuesday:** Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 Cranmer & Lightfoot
 - Wednesday:** Year 11 Cranmer & Lightfoot
 - Thursday:** Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 Cranmer & Lightfoot
 - Friday:** Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 Ridley & TyrrellEssential service children joining with their classes.

Please note: when students are not scheduled to be at school, they continue online learning at home. We ask you to keep your children at home on days they are not scheduled to be at school. This will help us to maintain physical distancing for both students and staff. Even though the 4 square metre per person rule does not apply in schools, we wish to take a cautious approach. Later this term that will not be possible because of the increased number of students attending, but by then the risk of infection may be even smaller than it is now.

Please refer to my letter of 1 May for other important health and safety information. You can find it on our website [here](#).

Student equipment

Please ensure your child brings all the equipment needed for school, such as headphones, ruler, pens, calculator, textbooks etc. Ideally, we **don't** want students sharing their equipment or having to borrow school equipment.

As per our regular policy, when students bring their own mobile devices to school it is at their own risk. So it is important that they take good care of their device.

Uniform

From Monday when students are attending school they are to wear their regular school uniform except for sports days. In the Senior School sport uniform is to be worn on Wednesdays and in the Junior School on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The uniform expectations can be found in your Parent Lounge portal under School Links.

The uniform shop remains open, however, an appointment must be made for a fitting. Appointments will only be available while Junior School students are in class. If you have an appointment please drive through the staff car park on the eastern side of the school, around the back and park next to the uniform shop. We do not want parents walking through the school to go to the shop. See the uniform shop information on our website [here](#).

The Second-hand uniform shop will also only be available by appointment. Please call the school for this.

Absences

If your child is scheduled for attendance at school but stays home either due to illness or for some other reason, please call and leave a message on our absentee line. If your child is ill they will be marked absent due to illness. If they will be absent for some other reason, you will need to follow the usual protocol of completing an Application for Exemption from Attendance at School and email that to admin@lakes.nsw.edu.au

If you have already indicated that your children will remain learning from home you will not need to do this. Parents should email their child's teacher if their child is anxious about attending school.

Sibling Enrolments for 2021

If you have a child you wish to enrol in Kindergarten or Year 7 and you have not yet submitted an application for enrolment, please do so as a matter of urgency.

Please see the information below from Mr Wallace. Mr Samways has emailed information to Senior School students and parents yesterday.

This letter replaces the regular fortnightly school newsletter which would have normally been published today.

Yours sincerely



Michael Hannah
Principal

JUNIOR SCHOOL INFORMATION

The past few weeks have presented us all with some challenges, and with some unique opportunities as well. As a collective school community we have been in a phase of upskilling (particularly in the usage of technology), newfound independence and flexibility, and I would like to personally thank everyone for their efforts and patience during this unique period!

Next week, all students will return to school for one full day as we now work on a transition back to school. The schedule for student attendance for Week 3 (next week) is shown below. Junior School students will return in their College groups (if you are not sure which College your child is in you can find this in Parent Lounge) on the days indicated.

| Monday, 11 May | Tuesday, 12 May | Wednesday, 13 May | Thursday, 14 May | Friday, 15 May |
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| Ridley | Cranmer | | Lightfoot | Tyrrell |

When students are not scheduled to be at school, they continue online learning at home. With the transition back to face-to-face teaching on site, teachers will be spending more of their time teaching classes during the day, so will not be able to provide the same amount of online feedback on Seesaw from time-to-time, although they will continue to set and approve tasks and student responses.

We ask you to keep your children at home on days they are not scheduled to be at school. This will help us to maintain physical distancing for both students and staff. Even though the 4 square metre per person rule does not apply in schools, we wish to take a cautious approach for as long as we can in the transition back to school.

School will also be open for children of families who have to go to work or who have no alternative. Whilst it is encouraged that children are kept home from school during this phase of staggered transition if at all possible, no child will be turned away from school. If you are in this situation, please advise us in advance via email to admin@lakes.nsw.edu.au as well as to your child's class teacher so that we can work to maintain an appropriate staffing level for both face-to-face and online learning as much as possible.

Textbooks and Equipment

Students are asked to bring their equipment and textbooks back into school on the days that they will be attending face-to-face. This enables us to avoid the sharing of any equipment.

Drop-off and Pick-up

Please either drop or collect students using Kiss and Go or through one of the bus lines servicing the school.

If you have to walk your child from the car in the morning, you must leave them at the door and not enter the school. If you have a child on one of our younger grades who you feel may find drop off to be particularly difficult, please contact your child's class teacher, and Stacey Taggart, our Junior School Psychologist, to let them know.

"Parent Park" in the afternoon will be extremely limited and there will not be a teacher specifically on this duty. Please avoid using this means of collection in the afternoon unless it is absolutely essential. If so, please let me know by either calling the school and leaving a message for me or by emailing admin@lakes.nsw.edu.au. Students must be collected at 3.05pm only.

There is only adequate space for a very small number of parents (about 10) under the 4 square metre rule at the front of the school. If you do come onto the verandah, ensure you maintain appropriate social distancing from any other parents, staff and students at all times and stand on one of the red crosses marked on the ground.

Canteen

We are only accepting Flexischools orders for recess and lunch in the Junior School and will not be able to have over the counter cash sales at this stage.

BYOD – Years 5 and 6

Students in Years 5 and 6 may bring their own devices on the days that they are attending school if they wish to do so, similar to the arrangements that we had in place towards the end of last term. However, students are responsible for their own devices if they choose to bring them in. The school also has a number of laptop and tablet computers that children can use while they are on site.

Illness

If your child has symptoms of any illness we would appreciate you keeping them home until the symptoms pass. This will prevent us having to call you to come and pick them up from school. We ask you to do this for even minor symptoms that you and we wouldn't normally worry about.

Late arrivals

We ask that students arriving late in the morning are dropped off at the office door and then come into the office on their own to be signed in for the day to assist with management of both social distancing and the school site.

Early departures

If you are planning to pick your child up early from school, please email our administration team at admin@lakes.nsw.edu.au **and** your child's class teacher. This will enable your child to be at the office to be collected at the correct time and to then meet you outside the office door.

Uniform

A reminder that from next week (Monday, 11 May) onwards, students should wear full school uniform if attending on Monday, Thursday or Friday, or full sports uniform if attending on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. A reminder that if students are wearing a jumper that the blazer should be worn over the jumper coming to and from school. For the full listing of uniform expectations please visit your Parent Lounge portal and click School Links.

Mothers' Day Stall and Breakfast

Thank you to the Parents and Friends Committee for the great work that they do for Lakes Grammar and for the wonderful job that our committed team of volunteers did with organising and conducting our Mothers' Day Stall – which was of course online this year! The items purchased will be available for collection in their classroom on the day they attend school. Whilst it is a shame that we are not able to enjoy our annual Mothers' Day Breakfast at school this year, we do of course wish all of our mothers the very best for this special day.

It presents a wonderful opportunity for us to remember and thank our mothers, aunties, stepmothers, adopted mothers and grandmothers who have cared for us and nurtured us in our lives. God has given us these special people in our lives to help us to experience love and to learn to love in return.



Mr Will Wallace
Head of Junior School