



15/08/2021

Dear Parent/Carer

The NSW government announced yesterday that there is now a state-wide lockdown. The new restrictions are in place until 12.01am on Sunday 22 August 2021.

For more information about the restrictions in place and how they may impact you please visit:

https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/news/Pages/20210814_03.aspx

The restrictions in place impact our school – it moves our school from Level 2 to Level 4.

This means the following for Oberon High School:

General Information

- Remote learning is now in place – students are to learn from home for this week (Monday 16 August to Friday 20 August).
- The school will remain open at all times, which means children of essential workers can attend school (no student will be turned away though).
- Supervision will be at a minimum to ensure the safety of everyone on the site.
- Buses will run as per usual (masks mandatory).
- The school day will start and finish as normal (9.00am and 3.18pm).
- Students and staff are expected to wear a mask at all times (there is to be no person on site without a mask on).
- There are to be no external visitors on site (except in the case of a Health and Safety issue or no alternative is available for the service to the school).
- For students who are in attendance – they must be free of flu like symptoms (the rules around Covid -19 and attendance in this respect have not changed).

Learning

- Students who attend school will be operating in the groups they normally learn within. There is no mixing of groups that do not normally learn together (this includes in the PG during break time).
- Learning at home or on site will be the same in nature. Hapara is the primary platform and this will remain the case.
- In Week 1 of this term every student had their school user password checked – this was to ensure they could all access the required online material in preparation for remote learning.
- Hard copy materials may be available, however, as the restrictions are only one week in length they may only arrive towards the end of the week by post. **You will need to ring the school to arrange this.** You can pick the material up but there is a specific process for this as you cannot enter the school grounds.
- Students who normally borrow a computer from the library can borrow it for the week to use at home. **You will need to ring the school to arrange a time to pick it up.** There is a specific process for this as you cannot enter the school grounds.
- Students can communicate with staff through gmail (@oberonhigh.com)
- Students with special needs will have support each day. A teacher from one of our MC classes or Learning Support Team will be at school each day along with a School Learning and Support Officer.
- **The school will NOT be running to its usual timetable.** Families will need to organise their own timetable for the day. Staff will be working throughout the day and will be monitoring Hapara and their email. We

suggest that students do not sit in front of their computer all day. Split the day up and put some physical activity in their also.

- Assessment tasks are still live if they have already been distributed. Students should continue to work on them. Teachers will communicate with students about tasks and any variations that may be required.

Communication

- Facebook and Millennium (email and SMS) will remain the primary platforms for communication to the community. The website will be updated, however, the other mediums are more immediate and in real time.
- Communication between staff and students will occur electronically as it normally does on a day to day basis (see learning).
- Parents/carers can ring or email the school and request a phone call from a staff member if they would like to discuss an issue in more depth. Staff will be on site for only one day per week, therefore ringing the school to organise a message to be passed on is likely the best course of action.
- **A letter was sent to families late last term outlining the processes that the school would have in place if we did have to move to remote learning. The information in that letter still stands and supports information in this document. A copy of the preparation letter is attached along with this one.**

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School website: <https://oberon-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Senior Students

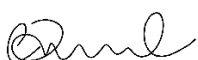
- Year 12 students have an added communication platform – facebook messenger – this will enable them to talk directly to Mrs Mackay-Galea.
- Trial HSC examinations (all senior students) – these are scheduled for Week 7 (Tuesday 24 August to Friday 27 August). At the moment these examinations are still going ahead as scheduled. However, if the restrictions are extended a decision will be made to reschedule or replace with alternative tasks dependent upon the situation at the time.
- Students who need to complete a major work for their HSC may come on site for a limited amount of time. This needs to be coordinated through their class teacher or Head Teacher to ensure that we abide by the guidelines.
- Senior students **CANNOT** afford to simply take the week off. HSC course material must be covered within the time allotted and assessment tasks are still due. HSC examinations are still scheduled to be held based on their current timetable.

Canteen

There is no canteen operating whilst we remain on Level 4. Students who attend will need to bring their lunch. Lunch cannot be brought to the school and they cannot meet anyone at the front. There is to be no contact between students and staff with external persons during the school day.

Stay safe!

Craig Luccarda



Principal