



APCS On the Move – Number 5 (for K-6 students and families)

Wednesday 16th September 2020

Please remember there will be a pupil free School Development Day on Monday 12 October.

As of Tuesday 13 October we will be able to extend a warm welcome to all students for their first official day at their new school. Prior to their first day all students will have participated in an orientation to the new buildings and school spaces. Our younger students will get to know their new learning hubs during the last week of this term and will receive additional experiences across the whole site once comfortably settled.

Please note: Due to COVID restrictions only APCS students and staff are permitted to enter the school grounds. The Bunin (school office) can be accessed for general enquiries for any newly enrolling students, the school can be contacted by email; alexparkcs-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au or by phone- 02 9698 1967.

What will remain the same?

- ✓ students will continue in the same classes with the same teachers
- ✓ the ongoing importance of the close relationship between each class teacher and the students in their class
- ✓ current programs such as Camp Australia, School Snaks canteen, yoga and chess club
- ✓ bell times remain the same
- ✓ current COVID-safe practices will remain in place.
- ✓ school executive structure remains the same K-12 Principal Diane Fetherston, K-6 Deputy Principals Lucy Smith (Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri) and David Olsen (Thursdays), Assistant Principals ES1 Coco Page and Grace Humphreys, S1 Courtley Mancell and Stephen Pittman, S2 Molly Moore and Bradley Hansen, S3 David Olsen and Joy Smith
- ✓ K-6 students will assemble in class lines each morning for a brief assembly
- ✓ the central role of our Positive Behaviour for Learning values (Be a Learner, Be Respectful, Be Safe) in the everyday life of students and staff
- ✓ our commitment to providing rich and meaningful learning activities that meet each individual student at their point of need
- ✓ Aunty Deb Daley will continue in her role as Aboriginal Education Officer supporting students, families and staff at our school
- ✓ the vital work of the learning support team including our school counsellor, learning support teacher and wonderful in class support from our learning support officers
- ✓ continued delivery of all current programs including specialist library and music, as well as sport, SRE/SEE and EAL/D.

What might be different?

Some aspects of day-to-day learning might look different in our new school. These will depend on the year level of students, the lesson being delivered, and the context of the learning. For example:

- ✓ spaces are designed to be shared, with some lessons co-taught to larger groups by two or more teachers
- ✓ classes or groups of students might move around their spaces, using different areas at different times of the day (instead of staying in one classroom all day)
- ✓ students might work with two or more teachers during the day, returning to their normal class teacher at regular intervals for “check-ins”
- ✓ increasing use of outdoor spaces for learning, such as the Yarramundi (talking circle) and Maani (agriculture plot)

We are all keen to start learning in our new spaces and look forward to continuing to work with our community to support outstanding education outcomes for our students.

More specific information about what the start of Term 4 will look like for students and parents such as; entry and exits points, drop off and pick and daily procedures will be distributed next week.

Transition timeline

<i>Friday 18 September</i>	Preparation for the physical relocation of school commences Non-essential resources prepared for relocation
<i>Monday 21 September</i> <i>Thursday 24 September</i>	Student Orientation Week to new site Non-essential resources relocated to new site
<i>Friday - September 25</i>	TERM 3 concludes Packing Administration, staff rooms and store-rooms for relocation
<i>Monday - September 28</i> <i>Friday - October 9</i>	SPRING VACATION Pack, relocate and unpack classroom home-bases in new site Camp Australia operating offsite during vacation
<i>Monday - October 12</i> Pupil Free Day	Pupil Free Day – Camp Australia available All staff to attend School Development Day
<i>Tuesday – October 13</i>	TERM 4 Begins All students K-11 return for our first day occupying new APCS site

Over several weeks the school's, Change Management Team have engaged in high level discussions with the project team preparing for the relocation and readiness of the buildings for our students. We have conducted an extensive audit of all current equipment, resources, furniture and objects of high community value in preparation for the move. All these resources have been mapped in order to successfully relocate them to the new school site.

The relocation company, Movecorp have worked closely with Administration, Library and Teaching Staff to map and sort the enormous amount of items in order to have them boxed and moved to the appropriate locations in the new buildings.

Sports Equipment, musical instruments, pianos, kitchen equipment, furniture, machinery, library books, classroom resources, files, records and archives will need to be made ready for this relocation.

There is an enormous amount of work involved in the relocation from the Pop Up School to our new home but staff remain confident, excited and are well supported.

As always our staff have been exceptional and have demonstrated enormous goodwill and resilience in preparing for yet another move.

The school wishes to recognise staff from the Crua, Eorawago, Camp Australia and the Wunanbiri Pre-School for their flexibility and willingness to work together during the relocation period.

As a school we are confident that all essential elements will be in place and ready for our first day of learning in our new location.

While the school is busy preparing for every contingency we hope you are able to be patient with us as we work through any subsequent issues that may arise with APCS's big move!

Year 12 and the HSC examinations 2020

Year 12 students will sit their HSC examinations in Pop-up 1. Our year 12 students have been using these rooms for the past 3 years for classes and examinations and are comfortable with the set up and routines. The Buckland Street office will be staffed to support the students and the HSC examination Presiding Officers. The HSC exams commence Tuesday 20 October, 2020.

Important Information

- Footpath works on Power Avenue and Park Road will take place from early August to Thursday 3 September 2020 (weather permitting). Please walk on the footpath next to Alexandria Park. The Park Road 'Kiss & Ride' zone, bus stop and school entrance gates will remain open and operational.
- Camp Australia will not operate at APCS over spring holidays (25 September – 12 October) as the school will be moving into the new buildings ahead of Term 4. Camp Australia will be operational on the school development day Monday 12 October 2020.

Yours faithfully

Diane Fetherston
Principal

Lucy Smith
Rel. Deputy Principal K-6

Important School Locations- Alexandria Park Community School

<i>Gomberee Language Name</i>	<i>Concept</i>	<i>Place and Location</i>
Bunin	Welcome	School Administration Office - Ground Floor
Burra Gorang	Firm ground	Central Courtyard Play Area
Crua	To be cooking	The Canteen in the Warrettah Building Ground Floor
Dun Goola	Rain Garden	Adjacent to Milperra
Eorawago	For the people	APCS Community Centre
Jenla	Let us help	School Office Building Level 1 Staff Hubs
Maani	Hunting/gathering	The agriculture plot - School Office Building Rooftop
Milperra	Meeting place	Main School Entrance- Park Road
Oraywa	Play in the clouds	Poculbee Building -Rooftop Play Area
Yakka Taka	Learning /working together	The student services centre including the Library Warrettah Building-Levels 1 & 2
Yarramundi	Story Telling	Courtyard amphitheatre between Wautangal and Poculbee Buildings
Warrettah	Waratah	High School Learning Spaces
Poculbee	Purple Iris	Primary School Learning Spaces
Wautangal	Banksia	Primary and Secondary Learning Spaces
Mujmoonah	Red Gum	High School Learning Spaces – Phase 2 2022

APCS Site Map

