



## Alexandria Park Community School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

In response to current NSW Health and Department of Education advice to help mitigate the risks posed by COVID-19 to our school community **parents/carers and other non-essential visitors are not allowed on the school site.**

As of Tuesday 18 August 2020 APCS will be implementing **changes to the end of the school day for K – 12** to strengthen physical distancing protocols. **High school students in years 7 – 12 will finish the school day at 2.30pm.** To enable this change, lunch will be shortened to 30 minutes. All high school students will exit the school grounds using the Buckland Street gate at the high school office or the Belmont Street gate. No parents will be allowed to enter the school via the Belmont St gate.

### Advantages of the 2.30pm finish time for high school students

- ✓ High school students will be able to safely exit the school before parents and carers of K – 6 students arrive to pick up their children
- ✓ High school students who travel by public transport will be able to travel at non-peak times of an afternoon.

Siblings who are collecting primary school students will be supervised until primary school pick up time. If you do not want your high school child to leave the school at 2.30pm please contact the Deputy Principal Ms Hawkins and after school supervision in a classroom will be provided.

### Reminders about being safe

In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded **NOT** to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. Schools will make arrangements for students who present as unwell or have flu like symptoms to be sent home. NSW Health has requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the [COVID-19 clinics](#). Students with flu like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school.

Latest COVID-19 case locations in NSW

Check the [Latest COVID-19 case locations in NSW](#) and follow the recommended actions if you have been in a location where there have been confirmed cases of COVID-19. We encourage members of the community to monitor this site. Please follow the relevant health advice if you have been at any of the locations at the specified dates and times.

The locations along with the times and dates of when the cases were identified can be found on the [NSW COVID-19 website](#).

Kind regards,

Diane Fetherston  
Principal

