



Gilgandra Public School

Honesty & Courtesy



Safe, Respectful, Learners

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Dear Parents/Carers

The current restrictions in Gilgandra LGA were eased as planned from lockdown on Thursday 23 September meaning our school will move to operating under **Level 3 conditions** as part of our COVID-safe return to school on **Tuesday 5 October for all students**.

This means that all students will be expected back face-to-face learning on site. The best learning environment for students is in the classroom and we are looking forward to welcoming back our staff and students for Term 4.

This time will be invaluable in re-establishing relationships and reconnecting as a class and school community.

Here's what our families and students can expect when returning to school sites under COVID-safe Level 3 conditions.

- Staff will be required to wear masks indoors and outdoors while on school grounds
- We will reduce mingling of our student years which means no school assemblies or sport, excursions or field trips.
- Only essential visitors will be allowed on site and will be required to check-in and wear masks at all times.
- Canteen is open for lunch orders only. There will be no other buying at lunchtime.
- Parents and carers will need to remain outside of school grounds and follow physical distancing and avoid gathering for drops offs and pick-ups.
- There will be enhanced daily cleaning of the school and wherever possible we will ensure the rooms are well-ventilated with open windows.

We are continuing to work closely with NSW health and other relevant authorities to support our school staff to receive two doses of a COVID-19 vaccination by 8 November. This will help protect our staff and students.

All students are expected and will be supported to return to school for face-to-face learning. While I know this maybe an uncertain time for students and parents I do encourage you to get in touch with us directly and visit [Wellbeing for students and families page](#) on the Department of Education website for support materials.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I look forward to seeing our students and staff back in the classrooms from Tuesday 5 October 2021.

Yours Sincerely

Patricia Howard
Principal



COVID-safe School Operations at Gilgandra Primary School

At Level 3...

Overview	Guidelines for Gilgandra Public School
- Students and staff to not attend school if they have symptoms; Negative COVID-19 test required before return to school - QR Code check-in and check-out required for all staff and visitors. - Additional cleaning measures in place. - Non-essential visitors are not allowed on site (including parents and carers) - Staff identified as vulnerable supported to work from home. - Mask wearing requirements - Activities such as singing, chanting, choirs, bands, and school performances not permitted. - School Canteens can operate with conditions. - No Assemblies - No excursions - No community use of school facilities. - Uniform shop - NO SRE/SEE (externally provided scripture classes)	QR Codes are located at all gates, in the front office and in the staffroom. Only essential visitors will be allowed on site and will always be required to check-in and wear masks. There will be enhanced daily cleaning of the school and wherever possible classrooms will be ventilated with open windows. Parents and Carers will need to remain outside of school grounds and follow physical distancing at drop-offs and pick-ups. While on school sites both indoors and outdoors. Masks or face coverings are mandatory for all staff. The canteen will be open for lunch orders only until further notice. Uniform shop open between 9:30-10:30am.

HELPFUL TIPS FOR COMING BACK TO PRIMARY SCHOOL

Your teacher is looking forward to seeing you and we know that you are looking forward to seeing your friends.

Sometimes learning from home felt easy, sometimes it felt a bit hard. Everyone has a different learning from home story to tell. Here's some helpful tips for you as you get ready to return to school.

BE KIND AND PATIENT

Everyone will settle back to school in a different way. Showing kindness and being patient with the people around you will help everyone feel better.

HAVE SOME FUN

Your teacher wants you to enjoy being back at school. Join in the classroom and break-time fun, and play outside with your friends and classmates.

GET READY

Check your uniform and shoes still fit, and repack your school bag. Your school will have hand sanitiser and masks, but you can take your own too!

BE SAFE

Safety first – wear your mask. Sneeze or cough into your elbow, put used tissues in the bin, and wash your hands during the day and before you eat.

FEELINGS

It can help to talk. It's ok to feel a little unsure, worried, nervous, happy, angry or any feeling in between. Talking to your parent or a carer, your teacher or other staff is important when you feel unsettled or are worried about a friend.

SCHOOL WORK

Try your best. Let a teacher, parent or a carer know what you found easy or hard when working from home. They are there to help you.

EAT

Food is fuel for your body and brain. Don't forget to eat breakfast and grab a healthy lunch and keep your water bottle topped up!

SLEEP

Nothing beats a good sleep. Go to bed early and keep phones and other devices in another room, so you're not disturbed. It might take a little time to get back into your routine.