



Return to School Plan

18 October 2021

What you need to know about our return to school in Term 4

We're excited about our return to face-to-face learning and welcoming students and staff back onsite where we know the best learning happens. This is a short summary of what our parents and students can expect.



Key dates for our staged return

While we know there is excitement about the return to school it's important that we stick to the staged return to give us time to be ready to welcome back students onsite. Students will return to face-to-face learning in the following order

- from 18 October (week 3) Year 12
- from 25 October (week 4) Years 7 to 11.



Our school's COVID-safe operations

Our COVID-safe return to school plan is NSW Health approved and includes numerous effective practices to support the health and wellbeing of our students and staff. These practices include vaccinations, mask wearing, reduced mingling of student groups and staff, ventilation in classrooms and continued good hygiene and cleaning.



As we return to school students will be kept in their cohorts to minimise opportunities for transmission of COVID-19 and to enable effective contact tracing and containment. This means minimising interaction between students on school grounds and keeping cohorts together where possible.



Bulli High School Term 4 2021 (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday) BELL TIMES for Years 7 to 11					
Roll Call	There will be no Roll Call. Student attendance will be marked in period 1, as well as every other period. Please go to your allocated playground area if you arrive before Period 1.				
PERIOD 1 (55 mins)	9.00 – 9.55 am	Go to your usual timetabled class.			
Break 1 (15 mins)	9.55 – 10.10 am	Go to your allocated playground area. Only YEAR 10 can access the canteen.			
PERIOD 2 (55 mins)	10.10 - 11.05 am	Go to your usual timetabled class.			
Break 2 (15 mins)	11.05 – 11.20 am	Go to your allocated playground area. Only YEAR 9 can access the canteen.			
PERIOD 3 (55 mins)	11.20 – 12.15 pm	Go to your usual timetabled class.			
Break 3 (15 mins)	12.15 – 12.30 pm	Go to your allocated playground area. Only YEAR 11 can access the canteen.			
Break 4 (15 mins)	12.30 – 12.45 pm	Go to your allocated playground area. Only YEAR 7 can access the canteen.			
PERIOD 4 (55 mins)	12.45 – 1.40 pm	Go to your usual timetabled class.			
Break 5 (15 mins)	1.40 - 1.55 pm	Go to your allocated playground area. Only YEAR 8 can access the canteen.			
PERIOD 5 (55 mins)	1.55 – 2.50 pm	Go to your usual timetabled class.			

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Bulli High School Term 4 2021 Wednesday BELL TIMES for Years 7 to 11					
Roll Call	There will be no Roll Call. Student attendance will be marked in period 1, as well as every other period. Please go to your allocated playground area if you arrive before Period 1.				
PERIOD 1 (50 mins)	9.00 – 9.50 am	Go to your usual timetabled class.			
Break 1 (10 mins)	9.50 – 10.00 am	Go to your allocated playground area. Only YEAR 10 can access the canteen.			
PERIOD 2 (50 mins)	10.00 - 10.50 am	Go to your usual timetabled class.			
Break 2 (10 mins)	10.50 – 11.00 am	Go to your allocated playground area. Only YEAR 9 can access the canteen.			
PERIOD 3 (50 mins)	11.00 – 11.50 am	Go to your usual timetabled class.			
Break 3 (10 mins)	11.50 – 12.00 pm	Go to your allocated playground area. Only YEAR 11 can access the canteen.			
PERIOD 4 (50 mins)	12.00 – 12.50 pm	Go to your usual timetabled class.			
Break 4 (10 mins)	12.50 – 1.00 pm	Go to your allocated playground area. Only YEAR 7 can access the canteen.			
Break 5 (10 mins)	1.00 - 1.10 pm	Go to your allocated playground area. Only YEAR 8 can access the canteen.			
P5/SPORT (60 mins)	1.10 – 2.10 pm	Go to your Roll Call room.			

* BDLC will operate on their own bell times.



Roll Call

There will be no Roll Call classes. Student attendance will be marked in period 1, as well as every other period. School notices will also be read during period 1 lessons. If students arrive at school before period 1, they should go straight to their allocated playground area.

<u>Lateness</u>

If students arrive late to school (after 9am), they will have to report to the Front Office to be marked present.

Entry and Exit Gates

Entry and Exit Gates				
	Years 11, 12			
GATE 1 (near front office)	and BDLC			
GATE 2 (near Science labs)	Years 9 and 10			
GATE 3 (near Languages)	Years 7 and 8			

Students should enter and exit the school through their allocated gates.

Playground

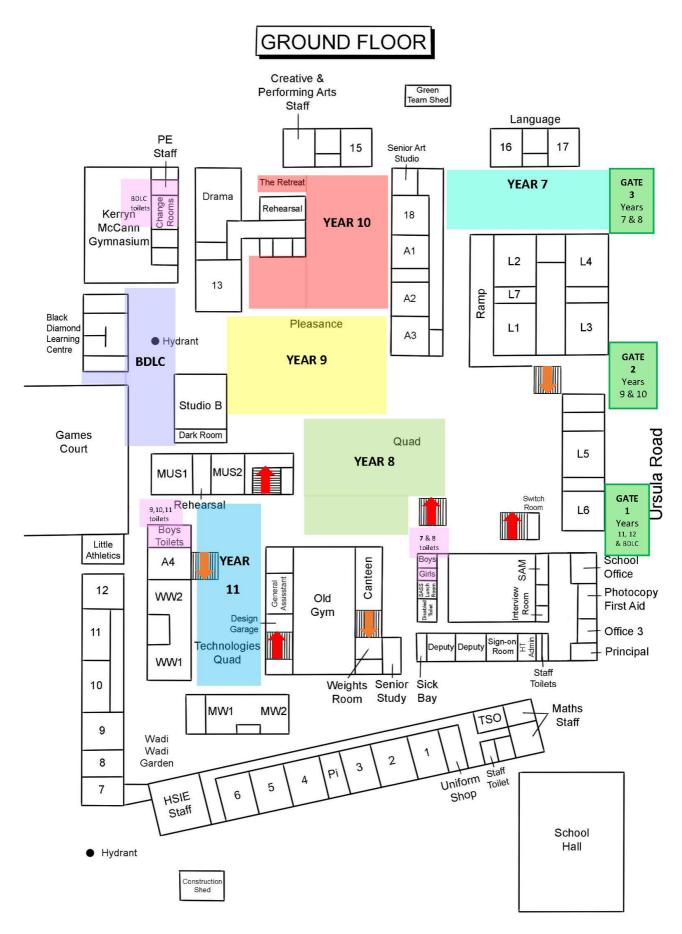
Each year cohort will be allocated a playground area where they must remain during break times, as well as an allocated toilet block they can access.

Playground Areas						
Behind Studio B	BDLC	Change Room Toilets				
TAS Quad	Year 11	TAS Quad Toilets				
Art side of Pleasance	Year 10	TAS Quad Toilets				
Western Pleasance	Year 9	TAS Quad Toilets				
Main Quad	Year 8	Canteen Toilets				
Behind Library	Year 7	Canteen Toilets				

Toilets

Students should access the toilets listed above nearest their playground area. They should line up outside rather than inside, try to maintain physical distancing and follow teacher instructions. They will access these same toilets if necessary during class time.







Lessons - one mode of learning

Lessons on every day but Wednesdays (sport days) will be 55 minutes, followed by a 15 minute break after each lesson. Although the bell will ring, **students must wait for the direction from their teacher before leaving class (and the playground) so that cohorts do not cross paths during transition times**. The school day will end at 2.50pm to allow a safe and staggered exit from the school under the directions of teachers.

On Wednesdays (sport days), lessons will be 50 minutes, followed by a 10 minute break after each lesson. Sport will finish at 2.10pm to allow for a safe exit from the school.

Learning will be face-to-face; teachers will not be conducting online lessons from week 4 onwards.

Transition times

At the end of lessons and in the playground when the bell rings, students should prepare to move to their next class or break and **wait for instructions from the teacher before moving on.**

Students should keep to the left when walking to and from class. Stairwells and corridors will only be one direction and will be marked as such to assist.

<u>Canteen</u>

Students will only be able to go to the canteen to purchase food at their allocated time (one cohort at a time). During period 1 when the roll is being marked, students will be provided with a form to place an order which will be collected from their classroom. This will enable the canteen to be prepared in advance and allow students to collect their order during their allocated time. Students will pay for their order upon collection. We strongly encourage students to use this ordering system. Students should try to maintain physical distancing while waiting in line.

Break time	Access to the canteen		
Break 1	Year 10		
Break 2	Year 9		
Break 3	Year 11		
Break 4	Year 7		
Break 5	Year 8		
BDLC teachers will escort students to the canteen during their Break time which will be at a different time.			

Classrooms

Teachers will share a seating plan with their classes. It is important that students remain in their allocated seats.

Students should regularly check the student portal for notices regarding room changes or other information as we will not be able to run assemblies. There may be some changes due to HSC Exams and other requirements.



<u>Sport</u>

Wednesday sport for Years 7 to 10 will go ahead in year cohorts.

At 1.10pm after break, students will move to their Roll Call Rooms where the roll will be marked before students go out to Sport. They will leave their bags in their classroom and collect them at the conclusion of Sport.

Sport Rooms							
YEAR 7 Roll Call	Room	YEAR 8 Roll Call	Room	YEAR 9 Roll Call	Room	YEAR 10 Roll Call	Room
7G	Lab 1	8R1	15	9R1	20	10R1	1
7R	Lab 2	8R2	16	9R2	21	10R2	2
7A	Computer Room 3	8R3	17	9R3	22	10R3	3
7V	Lab 7	8R4	Drama	9R4	26	10R4	4
71	Lab 5	8R5	Art 1	9R5	23	10R5	5
7Т	Lab 3	8R6	18	9R6	25	10R61	6
7Y	Lab 4			9R7	24		
7B	Lab 6					Black Diamond	BDLC

- Team-based games and activities will be modified to promote physical distancing.
- Students should wash their hands prior to and at the conclusion of movement and physical activities.
- Students should maintain respiratory hygiene whilst participating in movement and physical activity; coughs or sneezes should be covered and tissues disposed of immediately. Students should wash their hands after having coughed, sneezed or blown their nose.
- Students should not be participating in any physical activity if they are unwell.
- Students should provide their own personal items such as water bottles, towels, or clothing as required and should not share drink bottles or towels.
- Sport will conclude at 2.10pm to allow a staggered exit for students from the school.



Black Diamond Learning Centre

The Black Diamond Learning Centre will operate as their own cohort and will follow different bell and break times to those listed. Head Teacher, Mrs Kennedy, will provide further information to families regarding this organisation.

Library

The Library will be closed. Library borrowing will be available through a Click and Deliver system. Students can reserve books through the Oliver app in the student portal. They just need to search the catalogue, click on the book they want and then click reserve. Once the book is available it will be delivered to students in class the next day. Students may return their books to the return box which will be situated outside the library.



<u>Uniform</u>

- Students in Years 7 to 10 can wear either full school uniform or full sports uniform on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. If they have PE, we encourage them to wear their sports uniform on that day to avoid having groups of students in the change rooms.
- Students in Years 7 to 10 are required to wear full sports uniforms on Wednesdays.
- Students in Year 11 are required to wear full school uniform everyday.
- Students should be prepared every day with appropriate uniform items (jumpers) as windows in classrooms will be open for ventilation.

Wet weather

All students are encouraged to bring an umbrella and be prepared for wet weather in the playground, as it will be challenging to maintain safe cohorting practices undercover.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will take online orders. When uniform items are ready, they will be delivered to students in class.

Wellbeing

Year Advisors, School Counsellors, and the Student Support Officer are all available for wellbeing support. We recommend that an appointment is made with them in advance if possible. Students can make a request through the <u>BHS Wellbeing Hub</u>.

Students (and parents) are also encouraged to contact the relevant classroom teacher, Year Advisor, Deputy Principal, Careers Advisor or Learning Support Team if they would like support with their learning.



Student Attendance

- If parents or carers believe that their child has a condition that means it is not safe for them to return to school, they must contact the school and provide a medical certificate. In this instance, we encourage families to speak with their doctor or health care provider to develop a <u>COVID-19 Action</u> <u>Plan</u> to support decision-making about their activities, including attendance at school.
- If a student is absent for more than three days without a medical certificate, this will be recorded as unauthorised absence and followed up by the school.
- Students must not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any student who
 becomes unwell during the day or displays any COVID-19 symptoms will need to be collected by a
 parent/carer and not return to school unless:
 - ✓ they have a negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom free or
 - ✓ they have isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available.

In circumstances where students have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

- If a student tests positive for COVID-19, the school must be notified immediately, and the student must remain at home. NSW Health will provide them with a medical clearance which will need to be provided to the school before they are allowed to return.
- Students who are unable to return to school will continue to be supported to learn from home through the Department of Education's Learning From Home Hub.

Hygiene Protocols

- Students must practise good hygiene.
- Students are required to wear masks both indoors and outdoors (unless eating or participating in sport and PE lessons).
- Students are encouraged to bring additional clean masks so they can change their mask if necessary (the school does have a supply of masks if required).
- Students should attempt to keep as much distancing as possible from each other.
- Students should avoid physical contact including shaking hands and high fives.
- Hand sanitiser is to be used on entry by every student when they enter a classroom.
- Any shared specialist equipment must be wiped down between uses.

Mask wearing for students and staff

Masks are required to be worn on school site by all staff and students in all indoor and outdoor settings unless exercising or eating. Masks are also mandatory on public transport. This applies to students when travelling to and from school.

Tips on wearing face masks

- ✓ Wash or sanitise your hands before putting on or taking off your mask.
- Ensure the mask covers your nose and mouth and fits snug under your chin, over the bridge of your nose and against the sides of your face.
- ✓ Refrain from touching the front of your mask while wearing or removing it.
- ✓ Do not allow the mask to hang around your neck or under your nose.
- ✓ Do not reuse single-use masks.
- ✓ Wash and dry reusable masks after use and store in a clean, dry place.
- ✓ Correctly dispose of masks after use.









All staff required on site supporting the return to school will need to be fully vaccinated from 18 October. Then from 8 November all staff, contractors, volunteers and students on student placement on a school site will need to be fully vaccinated, including Outside of School Hours Care staff.

Covid vaccines are not mandatory for students but are encouraged. The following organisations would like to assist all eligible children to get vaccinations before returning to school:

- Seacliff Healthcare in Thirroul have plenty of Pfizer doses available (to be used by 25th Oct). Call for an appointment or book through: <u>https://seacliffhealthcare.com.au/</u>
- **Convenient Chemist Wollongong** are administering Moderna Covid-19 vaccinations for people aged 12 years & up (including people aged over 60). The Government has provided them with a good supply of vaccinations and they have plenty of bookings available. There is no need for people to wait for appointments. Bookings can be made via the link below, or by calling the pharmacy on 02 4229 1528 www.medadvisor.com.au/Network/J96TX48W
- Corrimal Court Pharmacy is an approved vaccination provider for the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, helping to provide COVID-19 immunisation for the local area and wider community. Moderna vaccine is approved for everyone 12 years and over. You can book your appointments for your first and second doses by calling them on 42831198 or via the link: https://www.guardianpharmacies.com.au/store-locator/guardian-pharmacy-corrimal-court



Ventilation

Having open or well-ventilated spaces reduces the risk of transmission of COVID-19 because infectious particles are more quickly diffused in the open air. The department will continue to work with NSW Health to provide us with advice and guidance on maintaining good ventilation in our school and we will make use of our outdoor spaces wherever practical.



School activities

During Term 4 many school-based activities will remain on hold until NSW Health advise otherwise. This includes large celebrations like assemblies, presentation days and graduations, arts and sports events.

Covid Communication

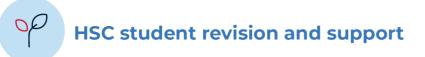
Parents and students will be notified if a decision is made to close the school due to a confirmed case of

COVID-19. During this time we will continue to provide learning from home activities and we will let you know when we can return to face-to-face learning.





Onsite orientations and transition programs are not currently allowed in person on school sites until we are advised differently by NSW Health. We'll share more information in the coming weeks about our school's virtual orientation and transition program.



While Year 12 students are onsite in week 3, they are required to wear full school uniform (this is also a requirement while they are sitting their HSC Exams). Students will also need to bring their own food as the canteen will not be open in week 3.

Year 12 teachers will continue to be available for online revision and support during their usual timetabled lessons in weeks 4 and 5 (following the new above bell times). Individual teachers will make these arrangements with their classes.

Wellbeing support continues to be available. Year 12 students can contact their Year Adviser, make a request through the BHS Wellbeing Hub or call the school office if there is someone they wish to speak to.

Year 12	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3A (school)	9.30-11.30am: Line 2	9.30-11.30am: Line 5	Wellbeing Day	9.30-11.30am: Line 4	9.30-11.30am: Line 6
· · ·	12pm–2pm: Line 3				12pm–2pm: English
Week 4B (home)		Study Week		Wellbeing Day	
Week 5A (home)			Study Week		
Weeks 6 to 9			HSC Exams		



We are putting in place and preparing COVID-safe arrangements for exams to minimise mixing between students. These plans include appropriate spacing for students and that exams are conducted in well-ventilated rooms and spaces, mask wearing for students and staff onsite. We are also organising alternative venues in the event we need to relocate the exams.

