

# Cambridge Gardens Public School

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Dear Parents and Community

A big welcome back to Term 3.

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic and the current lockdown procedures will have a big impact on our school community at the commencement of the term. The staff of Cambridge Gardens PS would like to send everyone their best wishes at this time knowing how difficult these times can be and how it can contribute to raised anxiety levels and significantly affect our wellbeing. We believe if we continue to focus on the positives of the situation and communicate this to our children this will significantly support our resilience as well as the resilience and wellbeing of your children and our students. Murat Dizdar, Deputy Secretary, School Performance reminded Principals the other day that this is not a time for perfection but a time for best endeavours by schools to work through this situation for the education and wellbeing of our students, staff and parents.

As you would be aware, schools in the Greater Sydney area have moved to **learning from home**.

**All students are encouraged to learn from home.** It is clear that we are facing a most serious situation with the Delta variant of COVID-19 and to see the reports that a child under 10 is on a ventilator in ICU is a very sobering reminder of the outcomes we are all working together as a community to avoid. The Government is clearly seeking to eliminate both interaction outside our household and mobility within the community. We ask that you support this premise if you can and have your children learning from home.

**Minimal supervision will be provided for any student who needs to be at school.** To ensure the safety of students, a skeleton staff will attend on site each day. Any child in attendance will work on their work booklet supervised by a teacher. All staff are required to wear masks whilst indoors on the school site.

**All students will be provided with a single unit of work.** This will be emailed to you, as well as, be placed on the Google classroom platform. Hard copies will be available to you from outside the school administration if needed. Please watch the school FACEBOOK page around when they will be available. Emails and further communication pertaining to access and passwords will be forthcoming tomorrow and in our Newsletter on Tuesday.

**Non-essential visitors are not permitted on school sites.** We ask that all enquiries be made by private message on the school Facebook page or by email to the school office ([cambridgeg-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:cambridgeg-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)) in the first instance and then by phone for urgent or important matters on 47301201. This will keep our phone lines free for the most important matters. We ask that no visitor attend in person to the school office unless absolutely essential. All meetings will need to be via phone or zoom technology. The Department of Education has asked that if parents need to bring their child to school that at pick up and drop off, parents stay in their car if it is safe to do so. Please be understanding, that with operating with a skeleton staff on site and all other staff working from home that responses to emails and messages may be delayed and we expect high demand on our phone services.



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**The school canteen is closed.**

**No scripture lessons are to occur.**

**No P&C activities on site.**

**Camp Australia OOSHC will continue to operate at this stage, for this week before and after school.**

Further information will be forthcoming tomorrow around procedures and processes. Please don't hesitate to send questions to the school email account.

As always we know what an amazingly supportive and strong school community we have. Whilst we will miss seeing our wonderful students, parents and community this week, we will be putting in place methods and opportunities to ensure our connectiveness.

I will ensure that we provide daily information concerning the most current information around the overall situation and how this affects our school and our community. My intention will be to send you one communication a day via email. This will be sent each afternoon. If you are not receiving this email please contact the school and ensure your email address is on our distribution list. Please also monitor our school Facebook page.

Our staff share the same frustrations, anxieties and concerns as you. Please remember that as a school we are ensuring the best for our community by acting on the restrictions and guidelines provided to us by the NSW State Government and the Department of Education. We also understand the confusion that we all sometimes face when hearing conflicting reports in the media and, also from our friends and colleagues about how other schools implement procedures. Please be confident that at Cambridge Gardens PS, we take our time to consider our context and situation very carefully and implement guidelines with the best intentions for our school community.

Please keep safe in these tricky times!

Thinking of everyone

Have a top day!

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