

# Cambridge Gardens Public School

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## TRANSITIONING OUT OF COVID -19 RESTRICTIONS

Dear Parents

You will have heard in the media that schools are now moving through the lessening of restrictions due to COVID and moving back to more normal school operations. **Schools will be working to transition to this over the coming weeks.** Please see below the changes that will come into place for next week.

### RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS

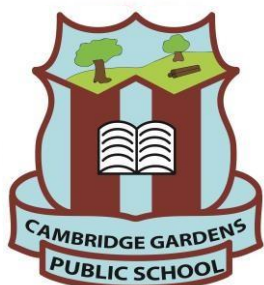
A big thank you to our families who made a huge effort to pick up their children's final 8 Rapid Antigen Kits this morning. From next week the suggestion is that families make use of these if their children have symptoms or there are concerns that they may have been exposed. There is no drama if you were unable to collect this, this morning just contact our office on 47301201 to organize a method of collection.

### MASK WEARING

Masks will continue to be required to be worn by school staff throughout next week and it is still strongly encouraged that all students K-6 do the same. The reason for the extension to this for primary schools is due to the low levels of vaccination of children. The NSW government is strongly suggesting that primary age students are vaccinated as soon as possible. **From March 7, staff in primary schools will not be required to wear masks.**

### COHORTING

Schools are now able to commence dismantling cohort groups if they choose. One of the things that we at Cambridge Gardens Public School have discovered throughout the staggering of recess and lunch breaks is the limitations of our playground spaces and the high number of students wishing to use the same spaces and equipment. **From Monday, we will be moving from three staggered breaks to two staggered breaks.** This will allow all students across a grade to play with their friends whilst also allowing for popular playground spaces to be utilized by more students. We will operate in this manner for the remainder of Term 1 and reassess for Term 2.



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## MORNING DROP OFF

**From Monday February 28 all classes will commence at 9.10am.** As always we will encourage all students to arrive between 9am and 9.10am. Morning supervision will continue to be provided from 8.40am. Please ensure that no students arrive at school prior to 8.40am. It has been fantastic to see the independence and confidence from our students as they are kiss and dropped to school each day. Whilst we are awaiting the completion of our fencing and gating, all students will continue to enter through Gate A. At this stage, parents are welcome to wait with their children on the grass between the new fence and Gate A. Once students enter the school through Gate A, they will follow the same procedures of sitting and waiting to go to class under the supervision of school staff as have been in place this year. **Gate D, (the back gate) will not be utilized at this stage in the morning.** All entry and exit procedures will be considered and reassessed when all entries and exits and the fencing is completed. Hopefully that will be in the very near future. The school will continue to have no morning assemblies so that our students are straight into their classrooms and maximizing their learning time.

## AFTERNOON PICK UP

The best thing that we have seen throughout these procedures is the success of our afternoon dismissal with teachers being able to dismiss our students with all siblings to parents. The school will continue to dismiss students at the school gates. It is so important that our staff can be confident in doing this and ensure the safety of our students.

**From Monday February 28 we will reduce our afternoon stagger to three groupings.** All classes will continue to exit from the gates they have been exiting from. Children will continue to depart with their older siblings at the older siblings time and gate.

Stage/Class	Time/Gate
Stage 3: Botany (With younger siblings)	2:50pm Gate A
Stage 3: H2O (With younger siblings)	2:50pm Gate B
Stage 3: Litmus (With younger siblings)	2:50pm Gate D
Stage 3: Dynamic (With younger siblings)	2:50pm Gate A
Stage 2: Biosphere (With younger siblings) Wavelength (With younger siblings)	3:00pm Gate B
Stage 2: Solar (With younger siblings) Wolfram (With younger siblings)	3:00pm Gate D
Stage 2: Kinesics (With younger siblings)	3:00pm Gate A
Stage 1: Seismic (With younger siblings) Kindergarten: Plasma	3:10pm Gate A
Stage 1: Neutron (With younger siblings) Kindergarten: Titanium	3:10pm Gate B
Stage 1: Momentum & Viscosity (With younger siblings) Kindergarten: Fusion	3:10pm Gate D

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Again we are intending to eliminate the afternoon stagger in the next few weeks as all exits are available. It is important that we continue to physical distance and avoid congestion.

Once parents have collected their children at the gate, you are permitted to enter the school site is needed. Please remember that parents should always book an appointment if they need to meet with a teacher.

## **SCHOOL OFFICE**

**From Monday February 28 parents and visitors will be able to enter the front office.** Please remember that throughout next week all visitors on school site will be required to wear a mask. We will be limiting our foyer to one person at a time. Doors will be open for maximum ventilation. We ask that to avoid congestion all enquiries where they can be continue to be dealt with via email or telephone. Please physical distance if waiting to enter the front office.

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES AND PROCESS**

All other processes and activities will be considered next week and communicated throughout the week. It is important to understand the impact that changes in one area have on other areas across the school. Changes to times and playgrounds, impact our timetables, rosters and staffing. This is why it is so important to transition slowly, working through the changes avoiding mistakes and clashes so that this is a smooth transition for our school, our students, our staff and our parents.

At our P&C Meeting via zoom on Tuesday we will further discuss upcoming changes to our school procedures and activities.

Thanks for your support as we move toward our school operating as closely as per normal as soon as possible in these ever changing times.

We still have high numbers of students absent due to COVID and those needing to self-isolate. Today we had 20% of the school absent. Please continue to report positive cases to the school.

Have a great weekend!

Adam Wynn  
Principal  
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