



Turner School News



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Dear Turner Parents and Carers,

We are certainly looking forward to our students returning to school over the next few weeks. We thank you for all you have done to support us over this time of remote learning. A huge acknowledgement to our teachers, LSAs, office staff, Building Service Officers, Business Manager, cleaners and school leaders for the well-considered work they have done while we have been learning remotely; and as we plan our return to face-to-face. I can not thank each one of them enough - I am so very grateful for my brilliant team!

It's important for us all to understand that we are learning and teaching in different circumstances and when we return to our beautiful school site some things have changed. This newsletter highlights some really key information about the responsibility each one of us has to help keep our community healthy and safe. I encourage you to share the steps we are taking with your child:

- Students will be encouraged to wash their hands well and frequently across the school day.
- We will have hand sanitisers in every classroom for students to use each time they come into the classroom
- Your child's teacher may have a special spot for them to sit on when they sit together as a group
- Your child won't be able to come to school if they are sick- that's a really important step in keeping our community safe
- Teachers won't be able to come to school if they are sick- that means your child might have a different teacher or a slightly different routine while their teacher gets better
- Learning will always stay the same at Turner- our teachers plan together for every class in their year group
- We will always take good care of our students- our teachers and staff, even if they are not your own teacher we are here to help!

Take care, be kind to each other as we settle back into school and talk with your child's teacher if you have any questions or celebrations. Kind regards, Allison

Enrolling in Preschool in 2021

If your child turns four on or before 30 April 2020, they were able to start preschool in Term 1, 2020. **If your child turns four after 30 April 2020, they can start preschool in 2021**

All four year old ACT children are guaranteed a place in a public preschool. However, you are not guaranteed a place at the preschool site of your preference, due to capacity constraints at some sites. All preschools offer a high-quality early childhood education.

Enrolments for 2021 open from 6am on Tuesday 28 April. Apply before 5 June 2020 to receive an offer from 27 July 2020. Apply online at [education.act.gov.au](https://www.education.act.gov.au)



2021 school enrolments now open

1. **Go to [education.act.gov.au](https://www.education.act.gov.au)** for information on your local school and to enrol online.
2. **Apply before 5 June 2020** to receive an offer from 27 July 2020. This means there is ample time to submit your application to be included in the initial round of offers.



Congratulations to Erin McMahon on being the successful applicant for a teaching position in Queensland.

A big thank you to Erin for her contribution to Turner School and we wish you all the best.

We are delighted to welcome back Nick Collins to the team!



For more information please go to:

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school>

ACT public schools will be returning to classroom learning in term 2
Information is available on [the Education Directorate website](https://www.education.act.gov.au)



Turner School Collective Health & Safety

Term Overview

WEEK 3- 11 MAY:

- All students learning remotely
- Registered students for Safe and Supervised Sites to attend designated site

WEEK 4- 18 MAY:

- Preschool to Year 2 back to the classroom at Turner School
- Year 3-6 students learning remotely
- Registered students for Safe and Supervised Sites (years 3-6) to attend at Turner School

WEEK 5- 25 MAY

- Preschool to Year 4 back to the classroom at Turner School
- Year 5/6 students learning remotely
- Registered students for Safe and Supervised Sites (year 5/6) to attend at Turner School

WEEK 6- 2 JUNE

- Preschool to Year 6 back to the classroom at Turner School

Key points of advice from Chief Health Officer:

When schools are fully operational it is not practical or necessary for students to socially distance. The reality of full school operations is:

Students and parents should not come into school if they are sick

- The Australian Health Protection Principal Committee does not recommend that regular temperature checking of students as there is limited evidence to suggest this is of value
- Classes will have the usual number of students as well as staff members required to support the students. As an indication, this can be between 21 and 32 students across the primary and high school settings
- Students will be moving from class to class, using all areas of the school to transition between learning spaces
- During inclement weather, students will need to utilise all internal spaces. This means students may need to congregate in larger numbers in these internal spaces including classrooms and corridors.
- Vulnerable People: Students and parents with complex medical needs are encouraged to consult their medical practitioner to determine the suitability for onsite learning during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Social Distancing

Physical distancing for adults - The greatest risk of transmission in the school environment is between adults over 25 years of age. Staff and parents will avoid long periods of time in close contact with other adults. Adults, including parents, staff and volunteers will maintain physical distancing between themselves and other adults. This includes at school drop-off and pick up, in the classroom and in the school common areas.



Norms:

- Staff, parents and adults should avoid long periods of contact with other adults on school grounds.
- Adults at the school will stick to the guidelines of maintaining 1.5 metres between themselves and no more than one adult per four square metres in an indoor environment. Signs highlighting this are located at multiple easy to see sites around the school.
- Turner School will have a staggered timetable with smaller year group areas and times of play. Rooms will have a poster identifying how many adults can be in the room.
- Turner meetings with parents will not be face to face. Information will be shared and discussed via email, phone call or arranged google meet, (including Board Meetings and P&C meetings, parent/teacher conferences).
- During this outbreak, there will be no cross school, large student number events such as excursions, assembly, concerts, ukulele project. These events will occur online and are communicated to students and families as required.
- Where possible and at first request, no additional adults eg Therapists onsite during our phased return.



Whole School Approach

Good hygiene practices are important to preventing the spread of COVID-19. In ACT public schools all students and staff will be reminded to wash their hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand-sanitiser on arrival and regularly throughout the day, cough into their elbows or a tissue, place used tissues straight into the bin, avoid touching eyes, noses or mouths, not share food or drink, not use water fountains or bubblers directly, and ensure strict hygiene in the preparation of food.

Norms:

- Hand sanitising stations will be established at every door entering a classroom
- Students will be encouraged to wash their hands/use sanitiser:
 - at arrival to school
 - before eating
 - when leaving the classroom (eg for the playground, end of day, transitioning between classrooms)
 - when re-entering the classroom (eg from the playground, after PE) if they cough or sneeze.
 - If they cough or sneeze.



TURNER SCHOOL
LEARNING FROM HOME HUB
Supporting Flexible Learning

Turner School Learning From Home Hub

Home

- Learning From Home - Turner
- Online Learning Tools & Support
- Supporting Your Child at Home
- Community Projects
- Feedback
- Online Library
- Additional Learning Resources

Dear Turner School Families,
Welcome to our Learning From Home Hub. This hub is designed to support our school community navigate their extraordinary times and support each child to engage in learning from their home environment.
Learning from home is achieved by using a school approved device and accessing online and printed resources.

Uke Project
As we stay online, uke time will switch a little to Wednesday mornings at 8:00am to give enough time for you to get to school by 9am. Everyone is welcome, from beginner to brilliant. We have students, parents, staff and community all having fun together. Everyone is welcome to join in even if you do not have ukulele and sign along with the group.

Djembe Project
Wednesday afternoons at 1pm for Year 5/6 students.

Senior Choir—Every Friday
Junior Choir—Every Thursday

Year 5/6KT and S5/6FO Senior Assembly

<https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/learning-from-home-hub/community-projects/online-assemblies>

Senior Assembly

Term 2, Week 3
13th May 2020

Learning From Hub Highlight

The learning from Home Hub will be an ongoing essential point of information whilst we are learning remotely. This week I encourage you to take a look at a video from Kath Murdoch:

<https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/learning-from-home-hub/learning-from-home-turner/inquiry-learning>

Coffee Chat Google Meets

All parents who would like online EAL/D support for their child/ren are very welcome to join the Meet. This is an opportunity to meet Maura Dand who joined our staff in January and has been working with students whose first language is not English. She is happy to provide online support to assist any students in their remote learning.

* EAL/D parents with children from Kindergarten to Year 2—Week 3, Friday 15 May at 11am
[Join video conference](https://meet.google.com/rdx-aqvz-btb) meet.google.com/rdx-aqvz-btb

* EAL/D parents with children from Year 3 to Year 6—Week 4, Friday 22 May at 11am
[Join video conference](https://meet.google.com/skj-ekxn-bqx) meet.google.com/skj-ekxn-bqx

VIRTUAL CROSS COUNTRY

With term 2 traditionally Cross Country at Turner. We thought it might be a good idea to still give the students an opportunity to compete in a 'Virtual Cross Country' event. How this will work is students will be notified this week about the Virtual Cross Country via their Google Classroom.

It will be a 4 week event starting in week 3, where students run the required distance each week (or a number of times a week) and record their fastest time for that week. They have the option to run the Stromlo tracks, the school cross country track or record their time and distance on a Fitbit, Garmin or other device. This is optional for our students if they would like to participate.

This distance required for each age group:

5-7 Year Olds 500m / 8 Year Olds 1km / 9 Year Olds 1.5km / 10 Year Olds 2km
11 Year Olds 3km / 12 Year Olds 3km / 13 Year Olds 3km /

Just be aware that, for whichever course is selected social distancing protocols must be adhered to. Results with first name, last name initial, age group and school may appear on SSACT FB and website, e.g. Sarah M. 8 Years Torrens PS – if entering, the parent is agreeing to these terms and Media Consent is given. This is a way to keep our students engaged, active and out to challenge themselves to improve.

Alex Lilly | Turner School Sports Coordinator

Lyneham High School
Care Quality Creativity

2021 Enrolments
Commence from Tuesday 28 April 2020
Please submit by Friday 5 June

Enrolment form and criteria at:
<https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/enrolling-in-a-public-school>

Lyneham High School:
<http://www.lynehamhs.act.edu.au/>

Refer to the school website for the following information:

- General Information Presentation
- School Prospectus
- Handbooks for Special Programs:
 - LEAP - Lyneham Enhanced Academic Program
 - SEAL - Sporting Excellence At Lyneham
 - Band

Students who receive a provisional offer of enrolment in late July will be invited to apply for Special Programs in early August.