



Dear Parents,

Asquith Boys High School resumed with face to face teaching for all students this week and it was great to see 95% attendance from the student body on most days this week. We will continue with the current adjusted structure until further notice. Years 7 – 10 have completed written copies of their new timetables on Monday this week, in accordance with the time/lesson changes.

This week has been a transition week for both students and staff as everyone readjusted to school and reacquainted themselves with their friends and colleagues. For most students this has been an easy and seamless move, however for a small number of students this readjustment has been more challenging.

Extra support from home at this time

Be it at home or school, students may externalise their heightened anxiety through inappropriate behaviours. Nearly always, challenging behaviours indicate that a student is struggling to understand, cope or communicate how they are feeling. They will require your reassurance, someone to listen to them, quality time with an adult and reaffirming of the boundaries/rules to allow them to feel safe. The school counsellors and year advisers are also available as an initial point of contact if you would like to discuss your son's specific circumstances at this time.

Computers

I would like to remind students who made use of loaning a school laptop that they are required to return them to Mr Kitto on Monday. Students who have their own laptops are encouraged to continue to bring them to school for classwork to alleviate the pressure of sharing the school set laptops throughout the day.

Contact Information

If you have changed address or contact details at any stage over the first half of this year we would greatly appreciate your new details being forwarded to the school office via email, so that our files can be updated and all school communications are received.

Year 11/12 first/last period study periods

Year 11 and 12 are **not** required to arrive/stay onsite for these periods. Students are allowed to arrive in time for their Period 2 lesson and can leave immediately following their final lesson (normal sign in/out procedures apply).

Students who are unwell

Again, a reminder and a school request, that students with any illness symptoms, no matter how mild, should not be sent to school. We appreciate families supporting the school with this request. If any student presents to school unwell, they will be forwarded to the front office for parents to collect. They will not be able to remain at school or in sick bay.

Year 12 HSC Examination Timetable has been released and can be accessed through the [NESA website](#). A hard copy will be distributed to all Year 12 students.

Week 6B will continue with the current plan -

- Lesson delivery continues with face to face teaching
- Normal timetabled lessons will continue again next week
- The 3.05 pm finishing time and six period structure on Mondays remains
- Continued earlier finishing times on Tuesday - Friday at 2.15pm
- Wednesday Period 4 and 5 sessions will continue with the alternate program:
 - **Year 7-10** students will have a period of wellbeing and a study/homework/catch up period implemented to allow them to be active and complete outstanding work or homework.
 - **Year 11 and 12** will be able to sign out at the completion of Period 3 or can continue with their major works or attend the Library for assistance with work until 3.30pm.

Students are expected to bring their own:

- laptop (where possible). All students with loaned laptops must return them to Mr Kitto.
- ear/head phones and laptop chargers are essential.
- water bottle (refillable), as school bubblers are closed except for refill stations.
- hand sanitiser or wipes and use frequently (toilets have hand sanitiser at the entries).
- aprons, safety glasses and ear protection equipment, to limit sharing in practical subjects.

Students need to:

- wear their winter uniform, which includes tie and blazer for seniors. The period of grace with respect to students not wearing their full uniform is over. On any day 99% of students are in the correct uniform, for those students who repeatedly wear non uniform, after school detentions will be issued.
- not attend school if they are feeling unwell,
- wash their hands before and after eating, before returning to class, and on entry /departing class,
- make use of the spray bottle sanitiser in classrooms,
- implement appropriate coughing/sneezing etiquette (ie into elbow etc)

Parents are asked to:

- Not enter the school grounds for any reason unless an appointment has been made.
- Keep students home if they have **ANY** symptom of being unwell, however mild.
- Follow normal absentee procedures, should their son be unwell.

Thank you to all parents and families for respecting the schools request in all these areas. We appreciate everyone being considerate of the wellbeing of all Asquith Boys High School staff, students and families, and we will continue to ensure that we communicate with the school community as procedures continue to evolve and are implemented based on Government advice.

Finally, it was very pleasing to hear positive feedback from some community members this week regarding the visible behaviour of our boys as they passed the school. We have a lot to be grateful for and our boys are a great source of pride for us all.

Mr Bryce Grant

Principal

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Continued Timetable Plan for Week 6

PERIOD	Monday	PERIOD	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	8.40 – 9.35am	1	8.40 – 9.35am	8.40 – 9.35am	8.40 – 9.35am	8.40 – 9.35am
2	9.35 – 10.30am	2	9.35 – 10.30am	9.35 – 10.30am	9.35 – 10.30am	9.35 – 10.30am
3	10.30 – 11.25am	RECESS	10.30 – 10.50am	10.30 – 10.50am	10.30 – 10.50am	10.30 – 10.50am
RECESS	11.25 - 11.45 am	3	10.50-11.45 am	10.50-11.45 am	10.50-11.45 am	10.50-11.45am
4	11.45-12.40pm	4	11.45-12.40pm	11.45-12.40pm Wellbeing 7 & 8 Study 9, 10 & 11	11.45-12.40pm	11.45-12.40pm
5	12.40-1.35pm	LUNCH	12.40-1.20pm	12.40-1.20pm	12.40-1.20pm	12.40-1.20pm
LUNCH	1.35 – 2.15pm	5	1.20 – 2.15pm	1.20 – 2.15pm Study 7 & 8 Wellbeing 9, 10 & 11	1.20 – 2.15pm	1.20 – 2.15pm
6	2.15 – 3.05pm		STAFF MEETINGS	MAJOR WORKS or STUDY in LIBRARY		