

Learning at Calrossy in Term 2 FAQ's



What will Term 2 look like?

Term 2 will commence as Term 1 finished with most Calrossy students learning from home. Our Primary and Secondary campuses (Brisbane Street in Week 1) will be open for students that need to attend but the advice remains that parents are encouraged to keep their children at home. Teachers have planned the same learning for students whether at school or home.

From Week 3 (May 11), a staged return to school will commence, progressively reintroducing face-to-face learning.

Why are we adopting a phased approach?

We are following the recommendations of the NSW Premier and Chief Health Officer. Of utmost importance is the health and wellbeing of our students, staff and school community. The phased approach will allow us to balance the varied needs and personal circumstances of our population.

What will a managed return to school look like?

A phased approach to face-to-face teaching will see students reintroduced to at-school learning. Our plan will be flexible, allowing us to return to normal gradually while responding to health advice as it is given. The Calrossy plan will give priority to the Year groups most at risk. The needs of Year 12 students, undertaking their HSC this year, will be supported.

The NSW Government has outlined five phases to get us back to full onsite school operations:

- Phase 0 (Weeks 1 and 2 of Term 2) - Schools are open for families who need it
- Phase 1 - Students at school at least one day per week
- Phase 2 - Students at school at least two days per week
- Phase 3 - Students at school five days per week, taking appropriate distancing measures
- Phase 4 - Students at school five days per week, with full school activities.

Calrossy will communicate with parents, carers and students throughout Term 2 regarding the implementation of the return. Boarding is part of our plan and we will look to progressively open student residences, based on risks and health recommendations as they are provided.

How are teachers preparing for the phased return to face-to-face teaching on campus?

The planned Staff Development Day will take place on Monday, 27 April 2020. Learning recommences on Tuesday, 28 April.

What is being done to keep Calrossy as safe as possible during the phased return?

Every step will be taken to ensure that our School is as safe, clean and secure as possible for students and staff. We will ensure that soap and hand sanitiser is available and that facilities are regularly and professionally cleaned. We will implement appropriate social distancing measures proportionate to health advice at the time, noting that social distancing for children at school is different than that for adults or those outside in the community. Students who are sick must not attend school.

We will continue to implement good hygiene practices, including:

- washing hands frequently with soap and water before and after eating and after going to the toilet
- covering nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing
- avoiding touching the face
- limiting physical contact when greeting people
- limiting physical contact in the playground
- adopting safe practices for eating at recess and lunch time.

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The following social distancing measures will also remain in place until further notice:

- No interschool competitions
- No 'in person' assemblies
- No excursions
- Parents remaining in cars when dropping off and picking up students
- Restricting visitors and community use of school sites.

What about Boarding?

It is our intention to open Boarding as soon as possible, to provide parents/students the option to return. A full risk assessment is being undertaken. The earliest possible date to open the boarding houses is May 10, prior to the commencement of Week 3.

Any return is likely to be phased, with Year 12 and 11 given priority. However, consideration will be given to siblings, individual circumstances and special needs. Separate communication will support boarding parents in their decision making.

Does the phased approach affect Prep and Pre-School?

Early childhood education plays a vital role in our community. Calrossy PreSchool and Prep will remain open, operating within the same guidelines as public schools.

How will these changes impact on Kookaburra Club?

Out of school hours care is an essential service and as the health advice remains, Kookaburra Club can continue to operate.

Learning from home

Will learning from home still be going ahead?

Learning during the first two weeks of term will be undertaken at home. Students who must attend school will be supervised but complete similar activities. From Week 3, whilst learning at home remains an integral component of learning, we will commence a phased return to face-to-face teaching. All students will continue to have access to learning.

What this will look like will be shared with parents in the first two weeks of term.

How can I use the ABC Education channel to support children in learning from home?

The ABC is providing TV support for children learning at home. The educational programs run from 10am to 3pm on ABC ME from 14 April, and include shows such as Ecomaths, ScienceXplosion, Numberblocks and English on the Go. The programming is as follows:

10.00 – 11.00 am	Lower Primary
11.00 – 12.50 pm	Upper Primary/Lower Secondary
12.50 – 3.00 pm	Senior Secondary

Programs and details are available from <https://www.abc.net.au/tveducation/> External link or can be streamed from ABC iView.



ICT Problems?

Contact Calrossy IT Department for support itsupport@calrossy.nsw.edu.au or phone 02-5776 5200.

What would happen if there was a notified case of COVID-19 at Calrossy?

The School will be informed of a confirmed case of COVID-19 should a person attend school whilst infectious. Ministry of Health protocols will be followed. Calrossy and the Department of Health work together to inform relevant parties, depending on if there was close contact with any person(s) at the School.

What hours are schools remaining operational for those that require it?

Calrossy will operate our regular hours. Kookaburra Club will continue to operate for Primary parents who have registered their child for attendance.

Can parents enter the school grounds to collect a child?

As part of school social distancing strategies Calrossy requests that parents wait in cars at Kiss and Drop or pick-up zones. Parents must phone the office for collection outside these hours.