

Coronavirus:

Plan to return to learning at school

Up to Friday 22 May 2020:

- Students will continue to learn at home, supported by parents and carers, with teachers leading this learning until their school's allocated date for all students to return to learning at school.
- School sites are open for those students who cannot be supervised or supported to learn at home.
- Those learning at home continue to be provided with tasks from their teacher, which have been adjusted for the home environment. Tasks align with the Australian Curriculum and are a mixture of online and offline activities.
- Teachers will be in regular contact with students learning at home and will provide students with a learning schedule each week.
- Tasmania is undertaking a staged approach to returning students to school sites that is cautious and sensible.
- The return to learning at school is based on public health advice. It is in line with the Government's *Roadmap to Recovery*, which outlines the gradual easing of restrictions on people movement and gatherings.

Staged return to school:

Stage I:

25 MAY 2020

- Kindergarten to Year 6 students return to learning at school.
- Year II and I2 students at extension schools and colleges return to learning at school.
- Year 7 to 10 students continue learning at home.

Stage 2:

9 JUNE 2020

• All students return to learning at school.



- Our decision to return to learning at school recognises that schools are safe places to be, and that it is in the best interest of our learners to get them back to this model of learning as soon as we can.
- In deciding on our approach to return to learning at school, we looked at what other Australian states and territories are doing, and applied what would work best in Tasmania.
- Our approach to returning to learning at school:
 - o recognises the lower numbers of COVID-19 cases Tasmania is now experiencing
 - o will get our youngest and senior secondary learners back to face-to-face learning first where learning can be impacted from an extended period of learning at home.
- The phased approach to the re-opening of our schools will enable us to progressively increase the amount of people movement across the State and monitor the impact this has.
- We need your help as parents and carers to ensure that this phased approach to returning to school sites works, and that students return to school when they are scheduled to.
- Maintaining health and safety for learners and staff on our school sites is a priority, and schools are implementing practices to support social distancing between adults, and maintaining strict hygiene protocols, based on public health advice.
- For more information, please see the <u>Parent FAQs</u>.