

HAPPY AND SAFE STUDENTS

17 September 2021



From the  
Principal's desk!



As we reach the end of Term 3, I want to celebrate the work all our staff have been doing for our learners in K-12. A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your work in supporting students with ongoing learning during our lockdown and learning from home. Thank you to everyone for your patience as we continue to work through the challenges and changes of COVID-19 and transitioning back to school.

I trust the interim reports will provide you with a snapshot of learning achievements for all students during face-to-face learning.

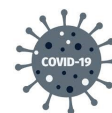
Congratulations to Deborah Henry who has been appointed as School Administrative Manager through merit selection.

Enjoy the spring break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on 5 October for Term 4, as we sprint towards Year 12 graduation, HSC exams, transition and as many activities as we can cram into the term for our students' learning.

Amanda Cooper



## COVID REGULATIONS



If your child has cold and flu symptoms, please keep them home from school. Students may return to school when they are symptom free and can provide the school with a negative COVID-19 test result.

No visitors are permitted to enter the school, unless arranged by the school

**STUDENTS MUST BE DROPPED OFF AND PICKED UP FROM THE GATE IN ANGLE STREET  
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL**

**BUSES WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE IN NORTH STREET AS USUAL**

**Secondary students MUST wear a mask on the bus**



If you are making a payment to the school, please do so via POP  
Go to [www.walcha-c.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://www.walcha-c.schools.nsw.gov.au) and click on **MAKE A PAYMENT**

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# What's Happening

## Tuesday 5 October 2021

Staff and students return to school—  
NO PUPIL FREE DAY

## Wednesday 6 October 2021

Walcha Warriors debating finals &  
Captains speeches (online) and  
elections

## Monday 11 October 2021

K-12 Awards Assembly—online

## Wednesday 27 October 2021

Year 12 Breakfast (To be confirmed)  
Year 12 Graduation Assembly (online)  
and Secondary Captain's Inductions

## Thursday 28 October 2021

Year 12 Formal (To be confirmed)

## Wednesday 3 November 2021

Year 7 Vaccination Program

## Tuesday 9 November—Friday 3 December 2021

HSC examinations

## Monday 8 & Tuesday 9 November 2021

Literary Festival—Online virtual  
workshops; authors and illustrators  
No cost to students

## Friday 3 December 2021

K-12 Presentation Assembly—virtual



## ON HOLD

Kindergarten Transition

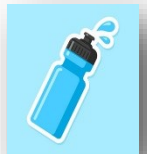
Taster Days

**Remember!!!**



Students should avoid sharing  
drinks or food (**NO BIRTHDAY  
CAKES AT SCHOOL**). All  
students need to bring  
**their own water bottle**

and refill bottles from bubblers  
rather than use the  
bubbler directly.



Soft toys and teddies are **not** to be  
brought to school.

Please ensure that your  
child has **their own set  
of working headphones** for  
use at school. These cannot be  
given out at school due to  
COVID restrictions.



We would like to acknowledge the  
traditional custodians of this land  
and pay our respects to the elders  
both past, present and future for  
they hold the memories, the  
traditions, the culture and hopes of  
indigenous Australia.

**COMPULSORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school

Parents of Walcha Central School students are reminded that attendance at school is compulsory. Removing students from class during the day should only be done in unavoidable circumstances as it is disruptive to your child's learning and the activities planned for the classroom.

On these rare occasions, a note should be sent with your child in the morning so that both the student and staff are aware of the arrangements.

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

**CANTEEN**

**NO HOT FOOD AT THE COUNTER  
ORDERS WITH A BAG OR ONLINE**

*Snack and drinks available at  
lunch and recess*

*or*

*Order online:*

*[www.quickclip.com.au](http://www.quickclip.com.au)*

*Online orders must be place prior  
to 8:30am on the day*

**HOW TO ORDER ONLINE**

*Visit the website to sign up and register*

*[www.quickcliq.com.au](http://www.quickcliq.com.au)*

*Add credit to your online wallet to use  
when required*

*No money in envelopes*

*Pay and place your order, it is that  
quick and easy*

**Masks/face coverings**

**Updated 4 pm 10 September 2021**

While at school, masks or face coverings are required for:

- all students in Year 7 and above in indoor and outdoor settings
- all staff in indoor and outdoor settings.

It is also mandatory for all staff and students to carry a mask with them at all times – in playgrounds and on school grounds.

Some exemptions apply:

- Staff are not required to wear a mask or face covering where it may affect the ability of a student or students to hear or engage with them, such as where students are hard of hearing.
- Staff and students are not required to wear a mask where they are alone in an office or classroom.
- Masks or face coverings are not required to be worn by a staff member or student who has a physical or mental health illness or condition, or disability, that makes wearing a mask unsuitable. For example, if they have a skin condition, an intellectual disability, autism or trauma, they are not required to wear a mask.

Masks are mandatory on public transport. This applies to students aged 13 years and over, and staff when travelling to and from school and during school excursions by public transport or by chartered or private transport services.



## **LEVEL 3 SCHOOLS**

All students are expected to be at school unless they have even the mildest of COVID-19 symptoms. Under the current health orders, there is nothing to restrict students and staff who must attend school, from moving between two areas with different levels of restrictions. Students and staff should reduce traveling to geographical areas with higher levels of COVID-19 restrictions in place. Students and staff can continue to travel to and from school as per the public health advice.

### **A reminder for all families**

Students must not attend work or school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms must be sent home and not return to school unless:

- they have isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available
  - they have a negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom free.
- In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

Anyone who is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms is strongly encouraged to get tested and self-isolate until a negative result is received.

### **Visitors**

Non-essential visitors are not permitted in schools. Some visitors are permitted in schools based on the guidelines that follow.

Parents and carers must follow their school's advice regarding changes to drop-off and pick-up including staying in the car when dropping off and picking up children if safe to do so.

Parents should:

- maintain physical distancing by avoiding gathering outside of school gates
- remain outside of school grounds (note some exceptions may apply regarding schools for specific purposes, vulnerable students or students with disability) follow mask-wearing requirements and sign in using the Service NSW QR code when entering the school.

### **QR code sign-in process for all staff and visitors**

The NSW Government have introduced mandatory QR codes across a range of additional settings, including schools. All staff and visitors permitted on school sites will be required to check in and check out using the QR codes.

Parents and carers or other visitors to the school who do not have access to electronic devices for the purposes of QR check in can:

- authorise another person to provide their contact details on their behalf
- provide their details to the school to be recorded in an appropriate manner for provision to NSW Health should it be required. In these circumstances, please enter any paper records into an electronic format such as a spreadsheet within 12 hours to support NSW Health contact tracing should it be required use their QR code check-in card which can be created at [Create a COVID-19 check-in card](#) External link.

#### **K - 6**

Start—9am  
Finish—3:10pm

#### **School Hours**



#### **Years 7-12**

Start—8.50am  
Finish—3:10pm

There is no supervision before 8:40am.  
Please do not send your child to school before 8:30am.

**RESPECT**  
**ENGAGEMENT**  
**ACHIEVEMENT**  
**LEADERSHIP**

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**WHEN YOUR CHILD IS NOT COMING TO  
SCHOOL:**

Please contact the school by either:

Phone: 6777 2777

Or

Email:

walcha-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au