

## **An important message for families**

Following the Premiers announcement this week from the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020 all schools are returning to full on-campus learning. In line with the national and NSW Ministry of health advice, **all students should be at school unless:**

- They have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition
- They are currently unwell

Please note, students who live with a family member in one of the categories identified as being at increased risk by the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC), should also attend school unless a medical practitioner advises otherwise in writing.

Any student absent without a medical reason for more than three days will be recorded as an unauthorised absence as directed by the NSW Department of Education and followed up by the school.

**If your child is unwell, do not send them to school.** If you need any support to get your child back to school, please contact our office as we may be able to assist with strategies and support.

Living with COVID-19 is for now, our new normal. I am confident in the national and NSW Health advice that schools are safe, however; it is important not to become complacent, therefore we continue with sensible precautions to ensure safe schools.

School will still be different for some time, with limitations on gatherings, excursions, inter-school activities, volunteer involvement and school bubbler use. However, it is important we have students back in classrooms and I expect all our students will return to school next week, with all classes returning to normal. I will provide guidance from the NSW government in documents which can be found on Gilgai Public Schools website.

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### **Parents/Carers Please Note**

**Your child's work completed while at home, needs to be returned to school, either by returning work packs to the office next week or by posting work onto Google Classroom. The work completed is used to determine absences during the COVID-19 period. If no evidence of work being completed is seen by your child's class teacher, students will be marked absent as required by the NSW government. Individual circumstances will be considered, so please contact our office if you were unable to complete work.**

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