



NEWSLETTER

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SHELLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Principal's Report



It was such a delight to welcome our Kindergarten and Year 1 students back to school this week. We sincerely thank our parents and carers for the fabulous job you did preparing your children for the return and supporting their independence, by dropping them at the school entrance each morning with a smile and a wave.

We have been so pleased to see how easily our youngest students have settled back into school routines. Watching our Kinder and Year 1 students walk confidently through the gate each morning and eagerly joining their peers in their classrooms, has been a testament to their resilience, their self-confidence, and their comfort in the school environment. Well done to all our Shelley Super Stars in Kindergarten and Year 1!

I would also like to thank the Shelley community, parents and carers, for your support throughout the last 13 weeks of school, during Learning from Home. We are all relieved to see this period of online learning drawing to a close, but I must emphasize how much the staff at Shelley have appreciated your support every step of the way:

- from your engagement and support with your child's learning both online and in work-packages, and your communication with the teachers as needed to support your child's learning.
- for following all the guidelines as set out by NSW Health, the Public Health Orders, and the NSW Department of Education, to help us ensure the safety of our whole school community (particularly the Year 2-6 parents, who have waited patiently until Week 4 to send their children back to school).
- for staying engaged in our school community by reading my weekly updates, as well as the APP messages, and checking into social media, to stay up to date with the changes as they regularly occurred!



IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDER

With ongoing roadwork on Hadrian Ave, we understand that drop off and pick-up can be difficult.

I urge parents to take extra precaution when using Hadrian Ave. The safety of our students is paramount, and we need all drivers to be particularly careful as our students return to school.

PLEASE DO NOT STOP ON THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING (or just before / after the crossing) to drop your child off. Please pull over to the side of the road, in a safe location, to allow your child to alight safely next to the kerb.

I have witnessed several "close calls" this week, particularly where a car has stopped on the crossing and a young child or parent has then tried to cross the road. Please take a few minutes to drop your child off safely - and help ensure the safety of all our students.



Return to School – Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Monday 25th October

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 2-6 students back on Monday 25th October.

The NSW Department of Education has worked with NSW Health on our COVID-safe plan to return to school sites and have put in place effective practices: vaccinations for all staff on site, mask wearing, reduced mingling of staff and student groups, ventilation in classrooms and continued good hygiene and cleaning. We are confident that this, in combination with support from our school community, will minimise risk and help to keep students learning face-to-face next to their peers.

Please be mindful that in order to meet the Covid safe requirements, not all of our staff will return on site immediately, as we provide time to ensure that all staff on-site are fully vaccinated. Where a staff member is unable to return to work, their class will be taught by an experienced casual teacher, or by one of the Shelley support teachers.

A reminder: What will happen when students return to school?

The following arrangements will be in place next week on Monday 25th October for the return of the remainder of our students.

Drop off and pick up arrangements

We have returned to 4 school gates being open from 8.30am:

- Hadrian Ave Pedestrian Crossing K-2 end
- Hadrian Ave 3-6 end (Year 2 to 6 students only to use)
- Pelleas St
- Blacktown Road

Unfortunately, parents will be unable to enter the school grounds and will need to drop their child at the school gate each morning.

We ask parents and carers to pick ONE gate and use this gate consistently for both drop off and pick up- to avoid confusion for the students (and staff!)

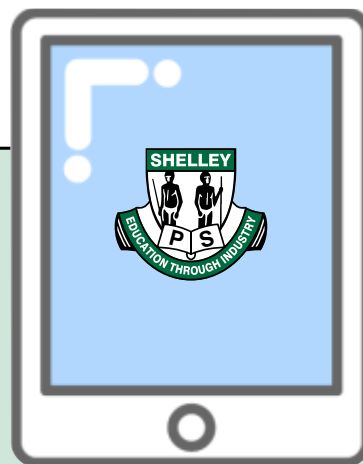
As the students are returning from such an extended time away, we will have office and executive staff at each of the gates to monitor and ensure student safety as they enter the school gates.

In the afternoon, Kindergarten students will be brought to one of 3 gates used by Kindergarten, at 2:45pm.

Years 1-6 will be dismissed from their classrooms at 3pm.

Please be mindful of appropriate social distancing as you wait to collect your children each day. Although not mandatory, we strongly encourage parents to wear a mask whilst waiting at the gates.

Parents/carers are being encouraged to use their personal vehicles where possible to transport their children to and from school, rather than carpooling.



Return to School

iPads

If your child has a loan device which was used during Learning from Home, please return the iPad with the cover and charging cord on the day that your child returns, or as soon as possible.

Work Packs

For students who have been working on pen and paper work packs, please have your child bring these to school to give to their teachers.

Where should my child go when they get into school?

Students will go directly to their classrooms each morning when they arrive. From 8:30am until the bell goes, students will be supervised in class for some quiet play.

Does my child need to wear a mask?

Masks are mandatory for staff and strongly recommended for students (including K-6), indoors on school sites.

Parents are asked to send their child with a suitable mask, and to discuss the correct way to wear a mask. (There are posters displayed around the school to help our students !)



Spare disposable masks will be available at school in the case of forgotten, lost or damaged masks.

NB: If you DO NOT wish for your child to wear a mask or be offered a mask at school, please let the class teacher know by writing a note. (Alternatively, you can send a message via the Skoolbag app. Choose the Teacher Contact Request eForm, include your child's name and class, choose the phone call option and in the question / concern spot, state that you DO NOT wish for your child to wear a mask.)

What else does my child need to bring to school?

Please remember to pack recess, lunch and plenty of water for your child. Taps will be available to fill water bottles, however the bubblers will be switched off.

The canteen WILL re-open on Monday and students will be able to place their order before they go to class in the morning.

Year 5 Students: Intention to Apply for Year 7 Entry to Selective High School

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 10th March, 2022.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2023, you need to apply online using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

Applications close on Wednesday 17th November, 2021. You must apply before the closing date.

Jo-Ann Campion





Deputy Principal's Report





Shelley Super Stars

Congratulations to the following students on achieving their:

These students will be presented with their badges on Monday 25th October



▶ Sree 4P



▶ Elya 2L
▶ Zachary 1T



▶ Rucha 1H



Leanita Williams - Deputy Principal



**GIRRAWEEEN
HIGH SCHOOL**

Year 7 2023 Information Link to Year 5 Students and their Parents

Girraween High School is an academically selective coeducational high school with a focus on providing a balanced and positive education experience for our students who aspire to achieve exceptional HSC results.

Due to Covid restrictions we are unable to have an information evening.

For more information please go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLnXxEpAPUWVOHRMg5PUp-c-DYAcZwF0F2>

https://girraween-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/g/girraween-h/rules-and-policies/Girraween_High_CoCurricular_Book.pdf