



Blaxland High School Update

21 January 2021

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Return Dates



We hope that everyone has had a restful break over summer. We are very excited for the 2021 school year. We hope it is a smooth year, but we certainly know that we can all cope with changes!

Years 7, 11 and 12 first day - Friday, 29th January

Years 8, 9 and 10 first day – Monday, 1st February

Covid Updates

Updated restrictions for [Term 1, 2021](#) are now available.

School Attendance

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 and the expected timeframe

they are currently unwell.

In accordance with advice from NSW Health [External link](#), parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms.

NSW Health has requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics [External link](#).

Students and staff with flu-like symptoms will need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result and be symptom-free before being permitted to return to school.

Hygiene and precautionary measures

Everyone needs to continue to follow hygiene practices such as:

- regularly washing hands.
- avoiding sharing drinks or food.
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately.

- NSW Health advised that communal water fountains and/or bubblers in NSW schools can now be turned on. These facilities can remain operational, closing only if there is transmission of COVID-19 in the community. Students are still encouraged to bring water bottles from home that they can refill when needed.
- Staff and students are not required to wear a face mask while at school. Anyone who wishes to wear their own masks in schools will not be prevented from doing so.
- Students over the age of 12 and staff must comply with the [Public Health \(COVID-19 Mandatory Face Coverings\) Order 2021](#)[External link](#) when travelling to and from school and during school excursions by public transport, or by chartered/private transport services. This applies to staff and students who reside or travel to and from Greater Sydney (including the Blue Mountains), Central Coast and Wollongong.
- Wearing a face mask is not mandatory for parents and carers visiting schools, provided they are visiting only for the explicit reasons within this advice and maintain physical distancing and hygiene practices while at school.
- Widespread temperature screening is not required or recommended in schools.

Parents and carers on School Grounds

Parents and carers are not allowed on school sites or at off-site school events held during school hours except for the following purposes only:

- Essential parent and carer meetings with teachers and/or school executives with a scheduled appointment.
- Parents and carers who attend a school administration building or another defined location for the purpose of picking up their child if they are unwell or where they have been asked to arrange for a COVID-19 test after their child has displayed flu-like symptoms while at school.
- Parents and carers who need to be on-site for canteen and uniform shop duties or to collect or purchase uniforms

Year 7

- Parents and carers for Year 7 students will be allowed on the school site to drop off their children to their classes on the first few days of schools provided they follow physical distancing and hygiene measures implemented by the school and the department. We ask parents and carers to drop their children and leave to avoid congestion and mingling. We have nearly 200 students in Year 7 and need to make this manageable and safe for everyone.
- We encourage Year 7 students to catch the bus home on the first day, if this will be part of their normal routine. It is much easier for them to do this for the first time when only half the school is in attendance.

- Parents and carers can attend parent orientation meetings and 'meet the teacher' meetings with school staff for all year/stage groups. Meetings should be limited to 1 hour where possible. We will update you on these plans when they are arranged.

Contact List for parents and carers

BLAXLAND HIGH SCHOOL

A CONTACT GUIDE FOR PARENTS - 2020



Phone: 4739 4655
Email: blaxland-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Website: www.blaxland-h.schools.nsw.gov.au

SkoolBag Available as an app
We use SkoolBag as our main form of communication with families. Please let us know if you have any difficulties accessing this app.

Facebook Blaxland High School
We use Facebook to share stories and celebrate special events and achievements



WHO TO CONTACT



Sometimes working out who is the best person to speak to can be tricky in a large school. Please always feel free to call the front office and let them know what you would like to discuss and they will help you find the right person. Here are a few tips that might make it easier for you.

Concern regarding academic progress of your child

- Directly contact the child's teacher by note, email or by phone to arrange an appointment
- For concerns across a range of subjects contact the Year Adviser



General concerns, questions or worries

- Contact the class teacher or Head Teacher of the subject for matters relating to a specific subject or class
- Contact the Deputy Principal for playground or travel problems.
- For serious or ongoing issues, you may wish to speak to the Deputy Principal or Principal



Concern regarding the wellbeing of your child

- In most cases, it is best to directly contact your child's Year Adviser
- For more serious or time-sensitive concerns, contact either the Counsellor or Deputy Principal
- To share information about change of address, phone no, emergency contact please contact the Front Office staff

KEY STAFF

Principal	Ms Emma Le-Marquand
Deputy Principal Years 7, 9 & 11	Ms Jackie Dalton
Deputy Principal Years 8, 10 & 12	Ms Fiona Brown
Year Advisors	
Year 7	Ms Ebony Richards
Year 8	Ms Taryn Jackson
Year 9	Mr Shaun Halden
Year 10	Ms Cody Rennie
Year 11	Mrs Ellen Trent Mr David Court
Year 12	Mr Stephen Taylor
Careers Advisor	Mrs Rebecca Holmes
Counsellors	Mr David Matheson Ms Melissa Nicholls

Faculty Head Teachers	
Student Services	Ms Karen Atkins
Special Education	Mr Phil Baker
CAPA	Mr Peter Langfield
English	Ms Cara George
HSIE	Ms Ruth Ritchie
Mathematics	Mr Christopher Guy
PDHPE	Mr Peter Henderson
Science	Ms Ami Madden
TAS	Ms Celena Colless
Admin Staff	
Business Manager	Ms Suzi Feltis Ms Kim Roberts
Administration Manager	Mrs Emma Clark

Uniform

Blaxland High School is a uniform high school.

Students are expected to wear the Blaxland High School uniform each day. This is a direct result of a decision made by the community of this school and has been reaffirmed with the parent body in 2020. The uniform helps each student to identify with the school as a group and should be worn with pride. Our school colours are blue and white.

When purchasing new uniforms for the new year, please ensure students the correct uniform for their year group, including appropriate black school shoes.

The Blaxland High School uniform shop is operated by Daylight Sportswear and operates on **Mondays between 8.00am and 11.45am, and Wednesdays between 10.00am and 1.45pm.**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, bookings are essential for December and January.

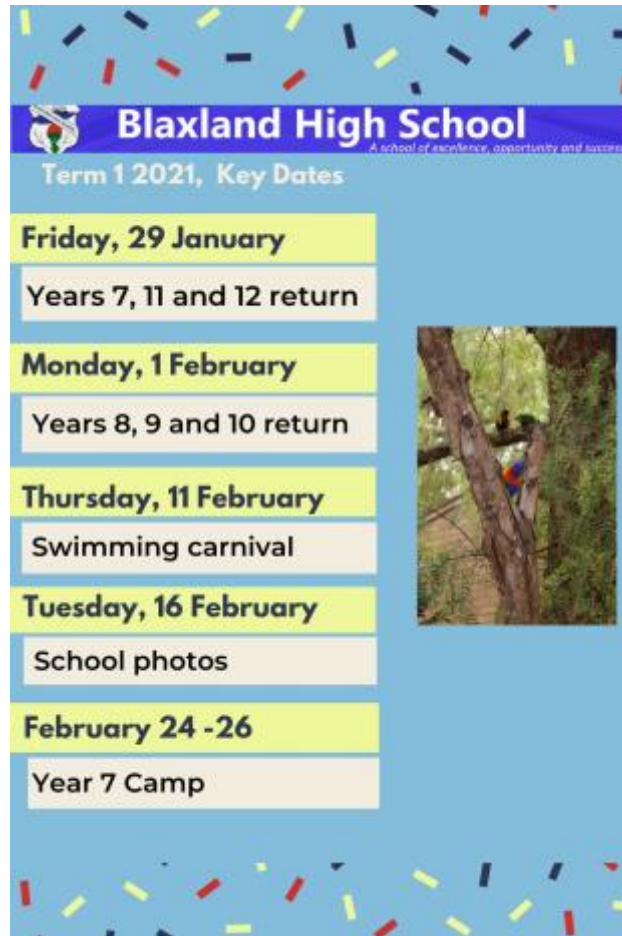
Where possible, orders should be placed online, however, if required, please book your appointment [online](#).

The uniform shop will also be open from 8.00am to 2.00pm selected days in January, to collect orders and uniform fittings only. The [online shop](#) is also available.

Monday 18, Tuesday 19, Wednesday 20, Thursday 21, Monday 25 and Wed 27.

The uniform shop can be contacted on 0422 766 075 during shop hours only.

Upcoming events



The poster for Blaxland High School Term 1 2021 Key Dates features a blue background with colorful confetti at the top and bottom. The school's crest and name are at the top, followed by the tagline 'A school of excellence, opportunity and success'. The title 'Term 1 2021, Key Dates' is centered. A vertical list of events is on the left, with dates in yellow boxes and descriptions in white boxes. A photograph of a tree with a colorful parrot is on the right.

Date	Event
Friday, 29 January	Years 7, 11 and 12 return
Monday, 1 February	Years 8, 9 and 10 return
Thursday, 11 February	Swimming carnival
Tuesday, 16 February	School photos
February 24 -26	Year 7 Camp

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