



Marayong Heights Public School

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2022 Operations and Procedures Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all have had a wonderful break with your families and found some time to unwind and enjoy the little things with your children.

As you are no doubt aware, COVID-19 continues to be a part of our lives. Despite the many challenges we have faced, we too continue to evolve and even thrive through this difficult period. As things currently stand, as a school, we will be adhering to the following processes and practices at Marayong Heights Public School for the beginning of Term 1.

First Day of School for Year 1 – 6 Students – Tuesday 1 Feb

Students are asked to follow the same procedures as they did on the last day of school last year. Students will head to classrooms with last year's teacher. Staff will be at the gates to direct them to the right rooms.

Drop Off and Pick Up Arrangements for students in Year 1-6

We ask that all students are dropped off at the school gate, as they were last year. There will be teachers at every gate to welcome you and your child back to school. If needed, staff will walk your child to the classroom to meet their friends.

Pick up areas will also be the same as they were last year. Please adhere to 1.5m social distancing.

Kindergarten + Siblings	Year 1 and 2 + Siblings	Year 3 and 4 + Siblings	Year 5 and 6
2.40pm	2.50pm	2.55pm	3pm

Kindergarten Information

Best Start Tuesday 1 Feb, Wed 2 Feb, Thur 3 Feb and Fri 4 Feb

Best Start letters were sent home last year with the date and time of your child's Best Start appointment. Please arrive 5 minutes prior to your child's start time and enter the school via the Guerie St gate entry. You will need to sign in and scan the departments QR Code. All Best Start assessments will take place in a kindergarten classroom. Parents are asked to wait in the adjoining Kindergarten classroom. Assessments will take between 20 and 40 minutes.

Kindergarten Orientation-Thur 3 Feb 1.45pm-2.45pm

You will be met at the Guerie Street gate where you will be directed to walk your child to the kindergarten rooms. Their new teachers will meet you there and will supervise their play with their new friends for a period of 1 hour. At the conclusion of the session, the children will be brought to the Guerie Street gates for you to pick up. Please send your child with a labelled drink bottle and hat.

Kindergarten First Day – Mon 7 February

Please enter the school at your designated time. Once you have signed your child in, please walk your child to their classroom for a brief photo opportunity outside their classroom. After the first day, our Kindergarten teachers, and members of the executive will be at the gates to greet your child and walk them to their classroom.

Procedures for Parents wishing to enter the school grounds

NSW Health and the Department of Education have released guidelines for all NSW DoE schools. Parents are permitted to enter the school grounds for the following reasons:

- to purchase or pick-up uniforms from the uniform (line up outside, adhering to social distancing). Please see dates and times below.
- picking up students from designated areas
- meeting with school staff with an appointment (parent teacher interview, meet the teacher, enrolment meeting etc)
- volunteering in educational support roles (if fully vaccinated)
- dropping off Kindergarten students within the first few days (where necessary)
- entering the school administration building 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 are unfortunately NOT permitted on school grounds except for the reasons stated above.

All adults visiting the school must comply with the department's COVID safe requirements including personal hygiene, infection control and physical distancing guidelines. All visitors must sign the external visitors form each time they visit the school regardless of the frequency and duration of the visit and sign in using the department's QR code.

Please note that parents who enter the school grounds for the purpose of picking their children up from gate areas only, do not need to sign in or scan QR Codes.

Safety and Hygiene

We will remain vigilant in applying infection control and personal hygiene practices whilst at school. This includes the regular washing of hands, wiping down of tables and other high touch areas, excluding students and staff who are unwell, avoiding the sharing of food and cohorting our students in the playground.

We have purchased drink bottle refilling stations. This will make it easier and more hygienic for our students to access water for use in their classrooms and the playground. Please continue to send your children to school with a labelled refillable drink bottle.

Face Masks

Staff are required to wear a face mask while inside at school. Masks will be made available for students, they are recommended but not mandatory.

Wearing a face mask is mandatory for parents and carers visiting our school when indoors. You will also need to maintain physical distancing and hygiene practices while at school.

COVID-19 Safety Plans

We are pleased to advise you that events such as school assemblies, sport carnivals, PSSA, school swimming scheme, excursions, gala days etc can go ahead with a COVID-19 Safety Plan. More information about these events will be communicated in the coming weeks.

COVID-19 Testing

If you haven't picked up your child's RAT kits you can still do so via the office, we will not be sending them home with students, parents will need to pick them up. We recommend administering the RAT twice a week, Monday and Wednesday. You do not need to show us a record of these. If however, your child tests positive you need to inform us and report it through the Service NSW app. We will continue to exclude students with even mild symptoms of COVID-19 and encourage them to seek testing immediately. All students who have been sent home from school with these symptoms will need to provide evidence of a negative test result prior to returning to school.

Breakfast club operations

Our breakfast club will continue to provide for the needs of our students, as it did at the start of 2021. For our breakfast club to run we require the support of parent volunteers. If you have some spare time in the morning and are fully vaccinated, please contact the school office.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours – Term 1

01 Feb 22	Tuesday	1:00-2:30pm
02 Feb 22	Wednesday	8:30-10:00am
03 Feb 22	Thursday	8:30-10:00am
04 Feb 22	Closed	
07 Feb 22	Monday	8:30-10:00am

After these dates, the regular hours are Monday from 8:30-9:30am.

Any enquires can be made direct to Excel Uniforms

Phone: 1300 553 832

Website info : <https://exceluniforms.com.au/shop/ols/categories/marayong-heights-public-school>

mail: www.exceluniforms.com.au

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To keep up to date with NSW school operations, download the **NSW School Updates app**. Please also regularly visit our school website: <https://marayonght-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

Thank you again for your ongoing support. We look forward to a great year.

If you have any enquires, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Mrs Natalie Plowman
Principal