

Reopening Pinehurst on 19th November

15th November 2021

We will be opening Pinehurst for students in Years 0 to 10 from 19th November 2021.

The details and notes that follow should give you all the information you need before returning to school, but both the Primary and College teams will be writing home on Thursday to give you more information.

If you have not yet completed the survey asking whether your child will be returning to school on 19th November, please do so now at <https://pinehurst.nz/covidstudentreturn>.

If you have already completed the survey, but wish to change your decision, please complete the survey again at <https://pinehurst.nz/covidstudentreturn>. Your most recent response will be the one that we use.

Reopening Pinehurst: the week beginning November 15th.

1. Online learning will continue until the end of the day on Wednesday November 17th.
2. There will be a Teacher Preparation Day for all teachers on Thursday November 18th. All staff are expected to work on-site from November 18th. There will be no lessons on that day.
3. **ALL students (Years 0 to 10) can return to school from Friday November 19th. All students will have a full-time programme, 5 days a week.**

In all areas of the school, the following Health and Safety rules will apply:

- If a child or adult has any cold or flu symptoms, or is unwell in any way, they are stay home until their symptoms have gone, and have a Covid-19 test if appropriate. **Nobody who is unwell in any way can be on the school site.**
- Masks will be worn by **all** students (Years 0 - 10) and staff inside and outside classrooms. They may be removed when drinking or eating, seated at a distance of at least 1 metre from others. Students in Years 1 to 3 may also remove their masks when they are playing outside (**in their bubbles**).
- All staff and students will have their temperatures checked on entry into the school.
- All rooms will have at least one window or door open on each side of the room at all times to ensure reasonable air circulation.
- All rooms in which students are present will have a working air purifier.
- Only fully-vaccinated staff, volunteers and other adults will be on the school site.
- All students will sanitise hands on entry to their classroom and at regular intervals.
- All tables and chairs will be wiped down at the end of each lesson or session (not less frequently than once every two hours).
- Physical distancing **within** bubbles will be observed as far as this is possible, but is not mandatory. Physical distancing **between** bubbles must be observed (1 metre or more). Staff must remain physically distant from each other (1 metre or more) at all times.
- Parents are not permitted on the school site beyond the front or back car parks, except if they are picking up children in the Primary School at the end of the day. Masks must be worn by all parents at all times on the school grounds. Parents and staff must sign in daily on the Covid app.

- Parents who wish to meet with staff in school will only be able to do so if they can provide evidence that they are fully-vaccinated. If this is not possible, meetings can be held online.

Practical things: drop off and pick-up

- Classrooms will be open and supervised from 8.15 am daily. Students are not permitted in school before this time. Students must go directly to their classrooms. Parents are not permitted beyond the car park at the start of the day.
- At the end of the day, parents must enter the school grounds at 3.15 pm, pick up their child and leave immediately. Children will stay in their classes until they are picked up.
- There will be no Before School Care or After School Care.
- All adults must sign in on the Covid-19 app when entering the school grounds. This includes the car park if parents leave their cars.

Buses

- Masks are mandatory for everyone on school buses (and all public transport).
- All Year 9 and 10 students, and their younger siblings, may use the school buses. This is because we are not in “classroom bubbles” in these years.
- Fully-vaccinated Year 8 students can use the school buses too: this is a change to the previous rule and recognises that, even though we are in classroom bubbles, nearly all Year 8 students are fully-vaccinated.
- All buses will run, and there will be very reduced numbers on all buses. All students must therefore sit with at least one empty seat between themselves and other students.

College (Years 7 to 10)

As Cambridge examinations finish on November 18th (this is why we are opening on November 19th), we have plenty of space in school.

In College, around 95% of students aged 12 or above have been vaccinated. No students who are not yet 12 years old (all of whom are in Year 7) have been vaccinated.

Year 10

- Year 10 will operate in a “Year Bubble” in College 4.
- Year 10 students **in school** will follow (nearly) their normal timetable, with a specialist teacher for every subject, but not necessarily their normal teacher.
- English and Maths will be taught in different groups (this is to enable us to staff the timetable).
- Teachers for Year 10 will stay in the Year 10 bubble.
- In all subjects, there will be an emphasis on practical, collaborative work, as this is the element students have missed out on while we have been online. **This will include essential practical skills and laboratory work in Biology, Chemistry and Physics, as well as other subjects.**
- Students in Year 10 who stay at home will have an English and Mathematics lesson at the usual time in their timetables. They will have one lesson a week in their other options, and will be set work to complete. We are not able to staff a full online programme as well as an in-school one.

Year 9

- Year 9 will operate in a “Year Group bubble”, though each class stay together in the same group for the whole timetable.
- There will be three classes in school, each with between 15 and 20 students in it. The Year 9 in-school classes will be based in College 3 and College 2.
- There will be two online classes.
- Students, both online and in school, will have lessons in English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, PE and Financial Literacy. All lessons will be with subject specialists.
- **Every subject in school will teach a 3-week module that emphasises collaborative and practical learning. This will include essential practical laboratory skills in Science.**
- The online programme will have the same structure, but there will be less emphasis on practical skills, as these are harder to manage online.
- Teachers for Year 9 will stay in the Year 9 bubble.

Year 8

- Year 8 will operate in “Homeroom Bubbles”. They will be based in Junior College.
- Homeroom bubbles will not have any contact with students in other bubbles.
- Homeroom bubbles will have designated homeroom areas during Morning Tea and Lunch.
- There will be **three classes in school**, each with about 20 students in it.
- There will be **one online class**.
- Students, both online and in school, will have lessons in English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, PE and Art or Digital Technology. All lessons will be with subject specialists. These will often not be students’ usual teachers.
- **Every subject in school will teach a 3-week module that emphasises collaborative and practical learning. This will include essential practical laboratory skills in Science.**
- The online programme will have the same structure, but there will be less emphasis on practical skills, as these are harder to manage online.
- Teachers for Year 8 will stay with Year 8 students.

Year 7

- Year 7 will operate in “Homeroom Bubbles”. They will be based in Junior College.
- Homeroom bubbles will not have any contact with students in other bubbles.
- Homeroom bubbles will have designated homeroom areas during Morning Tea and Lunch.
- There will be **two classes in school**, each with about 20 students in it.
- There will be **two online classes**.
- Students, both online and in school, will have lessons in English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, PE and Mandarin or Spanish. All lessons will be with subject specialists. These will often not be students’ usual teachers.
- **Every subject in school will teach a 3-week module that emphasises collaborative and practical learning. This will include essential practical laboratory skills in Science.**
- The online programme will have the same structure, but there will be less emphasis on practical skills, as these are harder to manage online.
- Teachers for Year 7 will stay with Year 7 students.

Primary (Years 1 to 6)

In Primary, we have looked at each year group separately.

Year 6

- There will be one in-school classroom bubble, and students will have a full in-school experience. They will be taught in-person by one of the Year 6 teachers, supported by at least one Teacher Aide. The teacher and the TA will not work with any other bubbles.
- We will try not to use screens **at all** for the in-school classroom bubble, and will emphasise practical, collaborative activities.
- In the mornings, the in-school classroom bubble will continue with the core literacy and numeracy programme. In the afternoons, there will be an emphasis on practical activities that are as much fun as possible!
- We will run two online classes for Year 6, with a full online experience that is basically the same as it is now. This may be with a different teacher.
- **The in-school classroom bubble will have no contact with other bubbles, indoors or outdoors.**

Year 5

- There will be one in-school classroom bubble, and students will have a full in-school experience. They will be taught in-person by one of the Year 5 teachers, supported by at least one Teacher Aide. The teacher and the TA will not work with any other bubbles.
- We will try not to use screens **at all** for the in-school classroom bubble, and will emphasise practical, collaborative activities.
- In the mornings, the in-school classroom bubble will continue with the core literacy and numeracy programme. In the afternoons, there will be an emphasis on practical activities that are as much fun as possible!
- We will run two online classes for Year 5, with a full online experience that is basically the same as it is now. This may be with a different teacher.
- **The in-school classroom bubble will have no contact with other bubbles, indoors or outdoors.**

Year 4

- There will be one in-school classroom bubble, and students will have a full in-school experience. They will be taught in-person by one of the Year 4 teachers, supported by at least one Teacher Aide. The teacher and the TA will not work with any other bubbles.
- We will try not to use screens **at all** for the in-school classroom bubble, and will emphasise practical, collaborative activities.
- In the mornings, the in-school classroom bubble will continue with the core literacy and numeracy programme. In the afternoons, there will be an emphasis on practical activities that are as much fun as possible!
- We will run two online classes for Year 4, with a full online experience that is basically the same as it is now. This may be with a different teacher.
- **The in-school classroom bubble will have no contact with other bubbles, indoors or outdoors.**

Year 3

- We have created one in-school classroom bubble that will have both Year 2 and Year 3 students in it. They will be taught by one Year 3 teacher and by one specialist teacher. This is possible because we currently have a small number of Year 2 students attending school (please see below for Year 2 details).
- The Year 2/3 classroom bubble will have a full in-school experience. The teachers will not work with any other bubbles.
- We will try not to use screens **at all** for the in-school classroom bubble, and will emphasise practical, collaborative activities.
- In the mornings, the in-school classroom bubble will continue with the core literacy and numeracy programme. In the afternoons, there will be an emphasis on practical activities that are as much fun as possible!
- We will run two online classes for Year 3, with a full online experience that is basically the same as it is now. This may be with a different teacher.
- **The in-school classroom bubble will have no contact with other bubbles, indoors or outdoors.**

Year 2

- We currently have a small number of Year 2 students attending school. They will be with a specialist teacher some of the time to complete their literacy and numeracy work. This will take place online in their usual class groups, but will be supported by the teacher in person.
- The Year 2 students will join the Year 3 classroom bubble at times. They will complete some Year 3 preparation work with the Year 3 teacher when they are in this bubble.
- The Year 2/3 classroom bubble will have a full in-school experience. The teachers will not work with any other bubbles.
- We will try not to use screens **at all** for the in-school classroom bubble except when the Year 2s are working on their literacy and numeracy, and will emphasise practical, collaborative activities.
- As much as possible, without disrupting the core literacy and numeracy work, there will be an emphasis on practical activities that are as much fun as possible!
- We will continue to run three online classes for Year 2, with a full online experience that is basically the same as it is now. This will be with the same teacher as you currently have.
- **The in-school classroom bubble will have no contact with other bubbles, indoors or outdoors.**

Senior Year 1

- There will be one in-school classroom bubble, and students will have an in-school experience with some online learning. They will be taught in-person by a specialist teacher supported by at least one Teacher Aide, but will complete their literacy and numeracy lessons online with their usual classroom teachers. The teacher and the TA will not work with any other bubbles.
- We will try not to use screens **at all** for the in-school classroom bubble except when the Senior Years 1s are working on their literacy and numeracy, and will emphasise practical, collaborative activities.
- As much as possible, without disrupting the core literacy and numeracy work, there will be an emphasis on practical activities that are as much fun as possible!
- We will continue to run two online classes for Senior Year 1, with a full online experience that is basically the same as it is now. This will be with the same teacher you currently have.

New Entrants / Year 1

We have additional staffing in Year 1, so we have made very imaginative use of it!

- There will be a P1 / P2 in-school classroom bubble taught by one of the Year 1 teachers. This will be a full in-school programme that looks very like it does when all students are in school.
- There will be a P23 classroom bubble taught by one of the P23 teachers. This will be a full in-school programme that looks very like it does when all students are in school.
- We will try not to use screens **at all** for the in-school classroom bubble, and will emphasise practical, collaborative activities.
- As much as possible, without disrupting the core literacy and numeracy work, there will be an emphasis on practical activities that are as much fun as possible!
- Each bubble will be kept completely separate when they are in lessons but, because the numbers are quite small, will be able to play together at Morning Tea and Lunch.
- There will be an online bubble for P1 / P2 children who started in Term 1 this year. This will be taught by one of our Year 1 teachers.
- There will be a different online bubble for P1 children who started in Term 2 this year. This will be taught by one of our Year 1 teachers.
- There will be another online bubble for P2 children who started in Term 2 this year. This will be taught by one of our Year 1 teachers.
- There will be a separate online bubble for P23 children, which will be taught by one of our P23 teachers.

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