



## Coonabarabran High School

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Dear Parents/ Carers

### **Re: Friday Bell Times 2022**

Thank you for your support throughout 2021. Looking forward to 2022, I wanted to flag with you a proposed change to our bell times.

Currently we run 5 x 55 minute periods on Friday with the bell times as follows:

8.55 am – Roll Call/ Tutor Groups

9.20 am – Period 1

10.15 am – Period 2

11.10 am – Recess

11.30 am – Period 3

12.25 pm – Period 4

1.20 pm – Lunch

2.00 pm – Period 5

2.55 pm – School Finish

As is sometimes the case with programs in schools, our Tutor groups have run their course and will not be continued on a weekly basis in 2022. Having consulted with the P & C and SRC, we propose to alter the Friday bell times as follows in 2022.

8.55 am – Roll call

9.00 am – Period 1

9.55 am – Period 2

10.50 am – Recess

11.10 am – Period 3

12.05 pm – Period 4

1.00 pm – Lunch

1.40 pm – Period 5

2.35 pm – School Finish

The advantages of such change are as follows:

- It will discourage students from signing in at 9.20 am on Friday as has been the case.
- Students who seek a leave pass for after lunch on Friday (a popular time) will miss less learning time.
- It will deliver more time for staff to undertake within and between faculty collaboration and professional learning.
- Senior students have commented that for those in paid employment, it will allow them some extra time to transition from school to work on a Friday afternoon.
- Friday is our lowest day for attendance. We hope that the adjusted bell time may attract more students to attend on a Friday.

As bus companies are not able to change their pickup times from CHS, bus students and any town students unable to be collected or dismissed at 2.35pm would be fully supervised on site until the last bus has left. Many senior students already study in our Senior Study after school and they are welcome to go straight there at 2.35 pm.

In essence, students receive the same amount of learning time, we have just pushed the start of lessons to 9.00 am rather than 9.20 am. However, importantly, staff receive more time in their week to collaborate which research consistently finds is a hallmark of effective schools.

Should you wish to provide feedback on the above proposal, please email the school: [coonabarab-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:coonabarab-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) by Thursday 16 December 2021. I apologise that this proposal is being raised so late in the term, however our recent COVID-19 outbreak pushed back a few things on our agenda.

Wishing all of our students and their families a wonderful Christmas and holiday break. We look forward to working with you in 2022.

Your faithfully

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PRINCIPAL