

### **Returning to Face to Face Teaching**

Dear Parents & Carers

The following information is provided to help families prepare for the return of children to school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May. We are looking forward to having all of our students back with us for face to face teaching and learning. Students will return to their own classroom with their class teacher and classmates.

#### **WELCOME**

Next week we will warmly welcome students back to school and help them to feel safe and supported as they return. The focus for teachers will be to re-establish relationships with students, revisit expectations for behaviour and explain new processes for lining-up, new ways of greeting and re-establishing safe hygiene practices. We will do all we can to ease the anxiety of students at this time.

#### **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

Student attendance is mandatory for all students unless they are unable to return due to an ongoing medical condition or are currently unwell. If you are unsure if your child should attend school, please contact the school for assistance.

#### **PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Over the next few weeks, assessments of student learning will take place in classes across the school. At the end of the term, in the week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> June, parent teacher interviews will take place virtually. Information on making a booking will be included in the newsletter.

#### **SEMESTER 1 STUDENT REPORT**

The school will provide a simplified written report to parents / carers about students' learning during Semester 1, in the first half of Term 3.

#### **HEALTH AND HYGIENE**

The school is receiving additional hours of cleaning and has supplies of sanitiser and cleaning products. High touch areas including playground equipment are being cleaned during the day.

**Students are asked to bring drink bottles** to the playground and avoid drinking from the bubblers. Each student is asked to bring sufficient water to school each day.

**Students are also asked to bring their own writing materials** to school in a pencil case each day. These should be clearly labelled and include pencils, pens, erasers, rulers and the like.



**Students will be asked to wash their hands** at scheduled times during the day including prior to morning roll marking, eating, after going to the toilet, at break times and after physical activity.

**Students are asked not to share** food or drink bottles.

### **VENTILATION**

We are seeking to improve ventilation across the school through opening doors and windows. Given this, we encourage parents to provide enough clothing for students to stay warm when working in their classrooms.

### **RETURN OF SCHOOL ITEMS**

If a student has borrowed a laptop or ipad for working at home, please return this equipment to the administration office next week. Also, students are asked to please return any Soundwaves Spelling books, handwriting books and history books to their class teachers. These will not be able to be used until later in the week.

### **LIBRARY**

The school library will be open for students to use including borrowing of library books. Returned books will not be used for 24 hours and the Department's guidelines for infection control will be implemented.

### **CANTEEN AND UNIFORM SHOP**

Canteen and uniform shop orders will continue to be placed on-line.

### **ESSENTIAL WORKERS**

**There can be no visitors onto the school site** unless they are essential workers. NDIS and allied health professionals are considered essential workers and are allowed on site. A protocol for providers is in place to support the health and safety of students and staff.

### **SCRIPTURE & ETHICS CLASSES**

Scripture & Ethics classes will not be held face to face until later in the term.

### **COMMUNITY USE OF FACILITIES**

Programs provided through the community use of school facilities will not take place this term.

### **AFTERNOON DISMISSAL**

Afternoon dismissal will continue to take place at each of the four school gates. **Please organise a meeting point for siblings following dismissal.** Parents are asked to wait outside the school gates and follow Social Distancing requirements. Following pick-up, parents are kindly asked to please leave the area.



**Kindergarten classes** will be dismissed from the **South Street gate from 3.10pm**. Parents are asked to wait on the yellow social distancing lines outside the gate and then give the name of their child to the teachers at the gate who will then release your child. In the event of sustained wet weather, parents of Kindergarten children will be allowed to enter the school and wait under the covered walkway near the bubblers. A Skoolbag alert will be sent out to let families know.

**Year 1 & 2 classes** will be dismissed from the **Thompson Street gate from 3.10pm**. Parents are asked to wait on the yellow social distancing lines outside the gate and then give the name of their child to the teachers at the gate who will then release your child. In the event of sustained wet weather, parents of Year 1 & 2 children will be allowed to enter the school and wait under the Hall COLA. A Skoolbag alert will be sent out to let families know.

**Years 3 & 4** will be dismissed from the double gate off **Rawson Street near the big demountable** at the **normal time of 3.20pm**. Parents are asked to wait on the yellow social distancing lines and collect the children as they exit. Student's names will not be checked off for Year 3 & 4 students. Please use the pedestrian crossing to cross Rawson Street.

In the event of sustained wet weather, students of Year 3 & 4 children will be allowed to wait under the library veranda.

**Years 5 & 6** will be dismissed through the main gate off **Rawson Street** at the front of the school at the **normal time of 3.20pm**. Parents are asked to wait on the yellow social distancing lines and collect the children as they exit. Student's names will not be checked off for Year 5 & 6 students. In the event of sustained wet weather, students of Year 5 & 6 children will be allowed to wait under the library veranda.

**Students who catch the school buses** will wait under the big tree at the front of the school as normal.

### **BIKES AND SCOOTERS**

From Monday, student bikes and scooters will be kept behind the kindergarten tables near the Forest playground. This will enable the Courtyard to be used for teaching and learning and social distancing for staff during breaks.

Thank you for your strong support as we look forward to welcoming all of our students back to school on Monday.

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