

14th May 2020

Dear parents/carers,

I want to thank you all for your support in what was one of the most unusual starts to a school term we have ever seen. Together, we have been able to make the best of this situation and ensure your child's safety and continuity of learning.

Today, the State Government announced changes to education based on a review of current arrangements and updated health advice.

As of Monday, 18 May 2020 all students are expected to attend school, except for those students medically referred to learn from home.

This means students are either:

- at school;
- have a medical referral to learn from home; or
- recorded as absent if they do not attend.

Over the last three weeks we have seen 84% of our students return to school, which has been fantastic.

Current health advice states that schools remain safe for staff and students and should remain open. We want to make sure all children get the best education possible, which is why attending school is so important. We are here to make sure all children are learning and there's no doubt, schools are the best place for them to learn.

For parents with medical advice that their child should not attend school, we will work with you in partnership with the School of Special Educational Needs: Medical and Mental Health to support your child's learning from home. If you feel your child is in this category, please do not hesitate to contact me and we will work together on next steps.

If your child does not attend school without a medical reason, they will be marked as absent and will not be provided a learning program.

Parents and visitors must drop and pick-up students from designated gates only and NOT enter the school grounds. Please keep all sick children at home for at least 48hours.

ONSITE OPERATIONS

This will operate as follows:

ARRIVAL – NO EARLIER Than 8.15am

Kindergarten to PP students to be dropped off by the gates @ECE 4, they will be met by teachers and EAS who will escort them to class.

At the end of the day we will start pick up from 2.00pm for the early years.

- ECE 8 2.00pm
- ECE 7 2.10pm
- ECE 6 2.15pm (Tuesday/ Thursday and every second Friday)
- ECE 4 2:15pm
- ECE 2 2.20pm
- ECE 3 2.25pm
- ECE 10 2.30pm

Year 1 students will be dropped at the school main gate or kiss and drive to walk into the grounds themselves. There will be staff waiting to escort the students into class.

Year 2 students please come in through the back kiss and drive gates. There will be staff waiting to escort the students into class.

Year 3 students please come through the gates by LA 19 and 20 (close to Ms Zieglaar and Ms Bates classrooms.) There will be staff waiting to escort the students into class.

Year 4 students please come through the gates by the basketball courts. There will be staff waiting to escort the students into class.

Year 5 and 6 students please come through the oval gates. There will be staff waiting to escort the students into class.

The school gates will be locked at 8.40am sharp and opened again at 2.20pm. should you be late you will need to come through the office. Parents will be notified should there be any changes.

Students as chaperones

While these measures are in place, older siblings will be permitted to walk Kindergarten and Pre-primary students to the designated drop-off areas in the morning. Older siblings must then move to their designated areas for attending their own classes

Students with older siblings

If the child has an older sibling, you may elect one pick up time only, being your scheduled ECE pick up time or 2.30pm at which to collect both children. This time will be consistent for the duration of these measures. The school will request confirmation of pick up arrangements prior to commencement of Term Two, with parents /carers nominating the pickup time via the class room teacher.

The extra cleaning and hygiene practices implemented at the start of Term 2 will continue and as part of the social distancing measures, we continue to ask parents/carers to drop children at the school gate and not enter the school grounds.

The State Government will continue to make decisions based on the best health advice. Thank you for your continued support as we move forward.

If you have any questions, please to contact Bea Bouska on 92346400

Kind regards,



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