

Thursday 21 May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

From next Monday 25th May our school will be returning to full on-campus learning, following Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) and NSW Health guidelines.

I have attached '*A guide to NSW school students returning to face-to-face learning*' from the Department of Education for your information.

The guidelines state that students do not need to follow physical distancing practices but should follow good hygiene practices, including washing hands regularly and avoiding sharing food and drinks.

Our school has plenty of soap and hand sanitiser to ensure good hygiene practices are regularly followed by all students and staff. The school will continue to receive additional cleaning of high touch areas, light switches, door handles and handrails throughout the day.

Student Attendance

All students are expected to attend school unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate which says that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing health condition.

Students will be with their class teacher and learning will continue as it did prior to Learning from Home being implemented. Please know that we are not in a position to provide work for your child should you choose to keep them at home.

If a student is absent without a medical reason for more than three days, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and followed up by the school.

Dropping Off and Picking Up Students

All parents and carers will need to remain off the school site so that we can minimise the chances of Covid-19 being brought on to the school grounds. Please phone or email the school to make a time for your child's teacher to contact you to discuss any issues or concerns.

Parents and carers will need to kiss and drop at the allocated areas near the gates each morning and to wait at these areas in the afternoons, maintaining the required 1.5m from other adults at all times. In the afternoons, teachers will walk students to the gates. For safety reasons, students will be dismissed in the following order:

Kindergarten

Stage 1

Stage 2

Stage 3

Members of the Leadership Team will be at the gates before and after school to supervise arrivals and departures.

Reporting and Assessment

During Learning from Home, your child has been assessed on the work they have completed. Students have also been assessed on their learning whilst at school during Term 1 and will continue to be assessed when they return to school.

A simplified Report that focuses on the learning that has taken place in Terms 1 and 2, will be sent home on Friday 31st July (Week 2, Term 3).

School Activities

We are still unable to have assemblies, excursions, incursions, inter-school arts and sports initiatives and activities and any non-essential gatherings.

Students will be able to use the school library and borrow one book per student. They will also be able to participate in non-contact sport activities, supervised by teachers. All games involving physical contact or close contact – such as soccer, basketball or running ‘tips’ games – are not permitted. A limited amount of equipment will be available for students to play with at recess and lunch.

What to Bring

Due to health and safety issues, students will not be able to access the bubblers. Please make sure that your child has a drink bottle with them that they will be able to fill up from the tap in the classroom, if needed.

To avoid spreading germs through sharing school pens and pencils, all students are encouraged to bring their own pens and pencils in a labelled pencil case.

What if my child is unwell?

If your child is unwell, you must not send them to school. If your child is unwell at school, you or your nominated emergency contacts will be contacted to collect them immediately.

Thank you again for your continued support and understanding during this crazy time.

We are very excited to have all of our students return to school next week!!

Lisa Littlejohn
(Principal)