

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday, you would have received information (via Class Dojo) of your child's allocated day to return to school. Thank you to all parents and carers who have confirmed this information with their child's classroom teacher. A gentle reminder to please respond via Class Dojo if you have not already done so. Classroom teachers are looking forward to welcoming students back into the classroom next week.

To support **Social Distancing Measures and Increased Hygiene Practices** at keeping our school community safer and well, we will be implementing the following interim changes as of next Monday 11 May:

- 1. Kiss and Drop for students attending school.**
The entry gate on Georges River Road or the entry gate on Seymour Street (*between carpark entry and council carpark*) will be open. Staff will be at both entry gates to welcome students in the morning and support Parents and Carers during afternoon home time. All other gates remain closed during this time. We kindly ask all our community to please respect this interim change and be mindful of at least 1.5 social distancing measures when interacting with our community.
- 2. Before and After School Care will remain open.** Normal entry to before school care will be continue from Beresford Avenue, however this gate will be locked from 8:30am till 3:30pm. The gate will re-open daily from 3:30pm for after school pick up.
- 3. Introduction to staggered home time.** K-2 students will finish school every day at 2: 45pm and Years 3-6 students at the normal time of 3pm. This will further support social distancing measures during home time. To support a streamlined approach for our Parent and Carers, classroom teachers will send out information requesting parents to give their preference of home time departure gate at Seymour Street or Georges River Road. Years 3-6 students who normally walk home will be permitted to leave the school grounds according to their normal routine.
- 4. Increased hygiene practices.** Our school has taken a number of further actions to promote increased hygiene practices to help reduce the risk of COVID-19.

These include:

- o providing clear markings to guide our community on appropriate social distancing where they are required to line up or queue such as entry at school gate.
- o Re-arranging class furniture to leave as much space as possible between students.
- o Ensuring staff and students who are unwell, stay home.
- o Where groups of staff do need to meet on the school site, social distancing of at least 1.5 metres are now in place.
- o Washing hands for 20 seconds with soap and water at regular intervals throughout the day, particularly before and after eating and after going to the toilet.
- o Hand sanitiser distributed throughout the school for use by staff and students every day.
- o Students not sharing stationary, food or drink. All students are now required to bring their own stationary, water bottle and food to school. Our school canteen remains closed at this time.

The safety and wellbeing of our community is paramount. Thank you in advance for your patience and support as we work at implementing the above - mentioned interim changes to continue to keep our students, parents and staff safe and well during COVID-19.

Kind regards,

Anastasia Galanos (Principal)

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