

Dear families

Re: COVID safe guidelines & school processes

Welcome back to a new school year.

As you may be aware, the Department of Education & Training have COVID safe guidelines for schools, which they regularly update. We will always try and keep you informed of any changes via our emails, Facebook or our website. We are all very glad to know that we can welcome parents, grandparents and visitors into school again! We have certainly missed you. However there are still some extra regulations that we must all adhere to, to keep us all safe.

- Students can arrive at school from 8:30am each day (or 8am if they need to attend Before School Care)
- Students can be dropped off at back entrance to the new building from 8:45am
- Parents/carers can arrange to meet their child in the grounds, at the gates or at their car. Please confirm with your child, where you will be picking them up at 3:20pm.

- We are maintaining an enhanced cleaning schedule at school, with all high touch areas and the toilets being cleaned.
- Students will still be washing/sanitising their hands at the start of the day and before eating
- Students need to bring drink bottles to school
- Remember that we all need to stay home if unwell- students and staff- and get tested if we have any COVID symptoms.

- **Parents/carers can come into the school grounds, but with restrictions that help to keep us all safe:**
 - Face masks must be carried at all times.
 - Face masks are recommended when 1.5 metres physical distancing cannot be maintained.
 - There are limits on the number of visitors that can be in inside the buildings at any time, so visits to classrooms are discouraged and **must be pre-arranged**
 - When visiting the Office, we can have only one visitor at a time
 - Where possible, continue to communicate via email or by phone
 - Parents who choose to drop their children off within the school grounds are asked to do so at the back entrance to the new building from 8:45am
 - Students will continue to enter the building from the back doors and sanitise when the bell rings at 8:45am
 - If there is a chance that a parent or visitor needs to remain within the school grounds for longer than 15 minutes, they must sign in at the front office

As always I appreciate your feedback. You can contact me at: Karen.Goodwin@education.vic.gov.au

Regards

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