



# RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

24<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

These are unprecedented times and therefore, we will need to do some things differently in schools in the next weeks, to maintain learning and to keep your children and our staff safe and well.

I understand this may be an uncertain and difficult period for you and your family. That is why the State Government has given parents a choice about whether their children return to school for face-to-face teaching or learn from home. It is a personal decision influenced by each family's circumstances.

To assist with your decision making, please note the following:

- Monday 27 April is a public holiday;
- Tuesday 28 April will be a pupil free day. There will be no students at school.
- Parents are asked to email their child's teacher over the weekend and Monday, using the Connect or school email, to let them know if your child will attend school on Wednesday, or your child will be Learning From Home;
- From Wednesday 29 April, school is open for all students whose parents/carers choose to send them;
- Students who attend school will be taught a face-to-face program and timetable, this may be a different learning process than the normal class timetable given the current situation;
- For those children learning from home, this will be through online or hard copy packages provided to you from school. **These will be delivered on Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday morning only to those parents who contact the school to say their child will be engaging in Learning From Home not attending school;**
- For those students who are learning from home, contact by school will be made each week by phone and/or online;
- **Parents are asked to drop their child/children at the school gate, parents are not to enter the school grounds. Staff will attend at the gate to walk younger students to class. Please do not arrive at the gate prior to 8:30am as students cannot be supervised prior.**
- **The school office is closed for all face to face contact. Families are asked to call or email any request or information. Appointments may be organised as needed.**

School cleaners will work throughout the day to ensure all high-use areas, such as benchtops, desks, doorknobs, taps, hand rails, and toilets are regularly cleaned and surfaces disinfected. Our playgrounds will be open and play equipment will be cleaned before school and after each break.

We will provide further information on how our school will manage this situation, ahead of school beginning on Wednesday 29 April.

These arrangements will be in place and reviewed ahead of Week 4 commencing 18 May. As always, State Government decisions will be based on the best health advice.

We want all families and children to feel supported and informed during this time. I thank you for your partnership as we navigate this together.

Kind regards,

*Peter Dunning*

Principal



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