

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

As you would be aware the State Government has announced the relaxing of certain restrictions that were put in place to protect our children, staff and community during the uncertain times of this Covid-19 health emergency. These Phase 3 announcements have allowed the Dept. of Education to provide schools with some changes to our modified school routines and relaxing of certain Covid-19 school restrictions.

One positive aspect of the Covid-19 changes to the running of our school, has been the noticeable growth of our students' personal confidence and their self-esteem. They have developed wonderful confidence in being able to walk themselves to class, organise their lunch and equipment and enter the room without a parent. The calm and successful return back to school this term is a credit to the students and families.

In recognizing these wonderful personal growth milestones, we also want the children to continue to develop and grow, so, where-ever possible and practicable we would recommend the children continue to show this personal organisation and self-confidence, being cool and calm and, walking into school unaided.

The school changes in the Phase 3 announcements from the Dept. of Education effective from 8-6-20 are;

- Parents will be able to **enter the school grounds for the purpose of drop off and pick up**. Gates will continue to be **opened at 8:30am for start of school and opening at 3pm for close of school pick up**. This includes Kindy and PP students who now finish at the same time. Students are not able to enter the school grounds earlier as they are not able to be supervised.
- **Total number of parents** able to be on school grounds in the morning or afternoon **cannot exceed 100 people**.
- In keeping with minimising cross-infection to students and community, **parents and carers are asked not to enter the class rooms but to 'drop off and pick up at the door'**.
- Parents are able to request parent and teacher interviews during school hours.
- **Canteen will remain closed for before school and open for recess and lunch**. Lunch orders to continue to be placed in each class room lunch order box and taken to canteen.
- **Assemblies to continue as a P.A. assembly** due to max-group cannot exceed 300 for outdoor venue. Our school exceeds 560+ with all children and staff.
- **Interschool sports** events can resume.
- **Contact sport can resume** for P.E. and sport.
- Interm-swimming program for PP-2 at the MARC can resume in time for term 3
- Excursions and Incursions can resume with maximum 100 people.
- School cleaners will continue to work throughout the day to ensure all high-use areas, such as benchtops, desks, doorknobs, taps, hand rails, playgrounds and toilets are regularly cleaned and surfaces disinfected.

These arrangements will be in place from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020. As always, State Government decisions are based on the advice of the State Health Department.

I thank you for your continued positive support and your partnership as we navigate this time together.

Kind regards,

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Principal