

TERM 4 RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

6th October 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,



Welcome back to Term 4! The staff and I are very excited to see the students return to on site learning from next week.

Over the holiday break the staff have been working very hard on site to improve the grounds for the students return. Mrs McLure and her team of helpers have continued to invest time and effort into replacing garden beds, planting new plants and most recently new mulch. They look amazing and I am very thankful for their work.

Term 4 is important for every Victorian student, and our teachers will strive to deliver high-quality learning for everyone. Moving toward a return to school for all students please see below the plan that has been developed. As on-site schooling resumes, we will continue to have in place strong measures to protect the health and safety of students, staff, families and the community.

TEMPERATURE CHECKS

Upon arrival students will no longer be temperature checked. This is a decision by the Department of Education and whilst COVID numbers are low this will not be necessary.

ATTENDANCE

In order to best support your child this term it is important they attend every day once they return to school. Parents need to phone the school if a child is unwell and report the absence. Unless unwell it is expected ALL students will attend every day.

Start time: 9:00am for all students

Finish time: 3:20pm for all students

WEEK 1 – Monday 5th to Friday 9th October

Remote and flexible learning continues for all students Foundation to year 6. Students are expected to continue connecting with school through the use of Seesaw.

On-site supervision for children of permitted workers and vulnerable students continues in line with existing guidelines. The attendance eligibility has remained the same. Only those that have attended on site in term 3 will be permitted for the first week of term 4.

WEEK 2 – Monday 12th to Friday 16th October

Monday 12th October – all students in Foundation to Grade 2 return to on site learning

Tuesday 13th October – all students in Grades 3 – 6 return to on site learning

From Tuesday 13th October it is expected ALL students will return to face to face teaching here on site. If your child has a medical condition that would prevent them from attending please contact me to discuss further.

ENTRY & EXIT GATES

All students will be able to enter through gates along Tucker street and the large double gates on the oval. **NO PARENTS WILL BE PERMITTED TO ENTER BEYOND THESE GATES**

Students Only!

Gates will be supervised by staff and signage will be displayed reminding parents of social distancing rules. Students will be allowed to enter through any of these gates and will need to proceed directly to where they line up for class. There will be no use of the playgrounds before or after school.

At the end of the day Foundation students will be dismissed from the basketball courts to the gates on the oval or Tucker street. Parents will need to collect students from these gateways. All other students will be dismissed from class and will meet parents outside the school gates. Those attending TheirCare will proceed directly there after the 3:20pm bell.

DRINKING TAPS

As per department guidelines drinking taps will not be available for students during the day. Students must bring their own drink bottle which can be re-filled during the day.



OFFICE ATTENDANCE

Parents are reminded they will not be permitted to attend the front office unless a call has been made to the school first. The office door will be locked during the day and parents are unable to collect students between 3:00pm and 3:20pm. Students will be dismissed at the end of the day as stated above.

SANITISER

All classrooms have sanitiser readily available. Students will need to sanitise their hands:

- At the start of the day as they enter the room
- Before eating during the day
- At the end of yard breaks
- After going to the toilet

Students will be reminded of general good hygiene practises.

MASKS

Masks are not compulsory for any student. Teachers may elect to wear a mask whilst teaching and this is not a reflection on their health status. At all other times when not teaching, staff will be required to wear face masks. This means that while on yard duty, going to/from buildings and in general around the school staff will be wearing face masks.

UNIFORM

Last meeting school council were able to clarify the student uniform for all students. A recap of this is listed below. The full policy will be available shortly.

- Black or bottle green pants/shorts. Girls may opt to wear a green/white check school dress.
- White or bottle green polo shirt with or without school logo
- Bottle green jacket/jumper with or without school logo
- One plain stud or sleeper per ear
- No dyed hair that is not a natural colour and no hairstyles such as mowhawks, rats' tails, dreadlocks, shaved symbols into hair etc. The hairstyle should be neat and tidy and not draw attention.
- Term 4 – bottle green wide brimmed or bucket hat

We ask parents and students to update themselves on this policy to avoid concerns.

FACEBOOK PAGE

School Council have endorsed the school to start up a community facebook page. This will be set up during this term and we encourage all families to participate and share their child's successes. More information will be available once all details are finalised. If you are interested in assisting to moderate this page please email the school.

ENROLMENTS



2021 positions are filling fast. It is anticipated the Foundation classes will be full quite soon so we ask all families to begin the process if you have another child starting in 2021. The school has a limited number of classroom teachers available and with the current shortage of teachers across Victoria it is important we act fast if we need to employ additional staff.

For this reason, we ask all parents who have another student starting next year to begin to enrol them via our website. This will guarantee your child a place in 2021 Foundation.

CURRICULUM PROGRAMS – TERM 4

The Department have granted the school authority to decide the curriculum focus for this term. As a result the leadership team have met today and decided on the following.

- A strong focus on reading, writing, speaking and listening every day
- A strong focus on numeracy skills every day
- Digi Tech classes will be replaced with Art
- LOTE will be replaced with Music
- Sport sessions will continue as decided by the classroom teachers

The major focus will be to ensure students have the opportunity to catch up on missed learning this year. To support all students the education support staff will be working classrooms every morning on reading sessions with students. All students are expected to engage in this process. Throughout the day the staff will then work with identified students to best support them in their learning.

COMMUNICATION

We continue to encourage parents/ carers to communicate directly with class teachers through Sentral. This is usually the quickest and most efficient way of communication. Parents/ carers are also welcome to email (Cranbourne.park.ps@education.vic.gov.au) or call the school (5996 1142).

Regards,

Ross Carlson
Acting Principal