



TERM 4 RETURN TO SCHOOL UPDATE

27th September 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

This information has been prepared in line with the Premiers announcement earlier today. It is important to note that the Department of Education has not released an updated Operations Guide. It is expected this will be developed next week and schools will then be able to provide more detailed advice to parents and families.

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

“From Monday 12th October students enrolled in all primary year levels (Foundation to Year 6) in metropolitan Melbourne will return to on-site learning. Schools can stagger the return of year levels during that week, with all students to be back on-site by Friday 16th October.”

I am sure you will be as excited as the rest of the staff and myself are at the prospect of our students returning to on-site learning. The school leadership team will be meeting in the first week of school to determine the exact procedures and plan for all students to return. A critical aspect of the return to on-site learning will be a strict enforcement of physical distancing requirements at the start and finish of the school day.

More information will come to explain the process and plans in place. It is important parents stay up-to-date with school emails and communicate any concerns you have with us via the school email.

REMINDER - VISITORS TO SCHOOLS

At the end of term 3 I provided an update stating visitors will not be permitted on-site until further advised. This has not changed which also means that parents will not be able to attend to collect students throughout the day unless absolutely necessary. A phone call to the school MUST be made prior to collection and face masks must be worn. There is sanitiser at the entrance to the foyer and all visitors must sanitise on entry.

As per the end of Term 3 parents will not be allowed to attend between 3:00pm to 3:20pm to collect students early. Not only is valuable learning time lost, it also disrupts the management of the classroom and school office at that time of day. The school must also aim to reduce the number of parents on-site.

During the day the school gate will be closed and the door to the foyer locked. Again, parents will need to phone the school to gain entry. Whilst this may be an inconvenience to parents, the reduction of risk to staff is of utmost importance.

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