



Tuesday, 5 May 2020

## MANAGED RETURN TO SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We hope that you are safe and well. This note contains important information regarding the operation of the school over the coming weeks.

### Week beginning Monday, 11 May 2020 (School Week 3) – Phase 1

- Students will return to school for face-to-face instruction **one day per week**
- You are encouraged to keep your child at home for the rest of the week wherever possible
- Information on which day of the week your child should attend is contained further on in this note along with information regarding pick up and drop off of students
- We will do our best to match students with their regular teachers but cannot guarantee this for all students
- Students who attend school outside of their allocated days are supervised only, not in their regular classes
- Support your child/children to continue learning at home on remote learning days
- Communicate with your school via email and phone wherever possible
- Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell

### Other information contained in this note

- Student groupings and attendance days
- Altered pick up times and places
- Changes we will be making in classrooms
- How you can help to keep our community safe

Regards,





*Colin Ross*  
*Principal*



## PHASE 1

On Monday, May 11 students will commence a phased return to school. The recommendation from both the Department of Education and Health officials is that the first phase of this return should see students at school for face-to-face instruction 1 day a week. We have attempted to make this as convenient as possible to our community by using students' Sporting House Groups for organisation. In this way, families will be attending school for face-to-face instruction on the same day.

Students will be reminded of their house group via the online platform used by their class. If you are unsure which sporting house your child/children belong to, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 9627 1534.

<p><u>Monday</u></p> <p><b>Cockatoos</b></p>  <p>Students in the Cockatoo sporting house attend school for face-to-face instruction.</p>	<p><u>Tuesday</u></p> <p><b>Emus</b></p>  <p>Students in the Emu sporting house attend school for face-to-face instruction.</p>
<p><u>Wednesday</u></p> <p><b>Kookaburras</b></p>  <p>Students in the Kookaburra sporting house attend school for face-to-face instruction.</p>	<p><u>Thursday</u></p> <p><b>Magpies</b></p>  <p>Students in the Magpie sporting house attend school for face-to-face instruction.</p>
<p><u>Friday</u></p> <p>All students participate in remote learning.</p>	<p><u>Please Note:</u></p> <p>If you or your child are unwell, please do not come to school.</p> <p>Any student who becomes unwell while at school will be isolated in an appropriate space and their parent/caregiver contacted to collect them.</p>

Later in the term we hope to move to Phase 2 where students will attend for two days each week.



## ALTERED PICK UP TIMES AND LOCATIONS

In order ease congestion and support social distancing, pick up times have been altered for students based on their age. Siblings will be permitted to leave together at the dismissal time of the **youngest sibling**. Weather permitting all gates will be open for students to exit at the end of the day. We do ask that **parents do not enter the school** and meet their child outside the gate. Please speak with your child about where you will pick them up.

Year	Time	Location
Kindergarten	2:45p.m.	Gate B
Years 1 and 2	3:00p.m.	Gate B
Years 3-6	3:10p.m.	Location prearranged with parent/caregiver

Gate B, Gate D and Gate E (park oval) are available locations for prearranged pick up.  
Gate A will be closed in the event of wet weather.



If you are picking up your child from a gate or alternate location that is new to them, we encourage you to drive to the school prior to your child’s scheduled attendance day so that they can see the location. We also ask that you remind your child that if they are unable to find you at the end of the day, to come back into the school and wait with a teacher.



## CHANGES IN CLASSROOMS

Actions and measures we have implemented within our classrooms include:

- Reduced group sizes to enable social distancing
- Staggered break times
- Students explicitly taught good hygiene practices and social distancing rules
- Teachers instructing students to wash their hands as they enter the room, before eating times and when they come in from play
- Cross ventilation in classrooms as a priority, weather permitting
- Staff social distancing wherever possible when working with students
- Students explicitly taught and reminded not to share food or drink
- Students not to share personal stationery items

## HOW YOU CAN HELP TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

- Maintain social distancing by avoiding gathering outside school gates
- Communicate with your school via email and phone wherever possible
- Ensure that your child has their own drink bottle and personal stationery items on the days that they attend school
- Follow the school's advice regarding picking up your child from school
- Use 'Kiss and Drop' and stay in your car if possible
- Follow the health advice and keep your child/children at home if they are unwell

The Department of Health strongly recommends installing the COVIDSafe app on your mobile device.



Thank you for your support during this difficult time. Student wellbeing and learning will always remain at the core of all the decisions we make at our school. Please contact the school if you require any further information.

Regards,

*Colin Ross*  
*Principal*