



16 June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a great joy having our students back on school grounds these last few weeks and we have seen how being back together has benefitted their learning. The school continues to be a safe place for students and staff as we continue to implement enhanced hygiene and cleaning measures, including requiring students and staff to stay home if they are unwell. All school activities have been assessed to ensure they are in line with current COVID-19 directives.

As the government continues to revise COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines, we would like to update you on the following advice we have received from the Department of Education and Training:

School Site Usage

The majority of school-based activities can recommence, given the following measures are observed:

- **Non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events, this includes parents unless they have official business to attend to at the school or are specifically approved by the Principal**
- All essential visitors to the school grounds must adhere to appropriate hygiene, distancing and safety requirements
- Any essential visitor coming on site is required to sign a form acknowledging they will comply with the school's COVID-19 safe and distancing measures, and provide contact details for the school to use in an emergency or to perform contact tracing if necessary. This includes visitors to the Uniform Shop
- Pick-up and drop-off arrangements must allow parents to physically distance from each other and staff
- Staff must continue to physical distance themselves from each other and other adults
- Students are not required to physical distance as research has shown a much lower transmission risk among school children

Hygiene

- Continued enhanced hygiene measures must be followed, including encouraging the regular washing of hands and cleaning of learning equipment between uses and of high traffic areas
- Students should continue to bring water bottles from home rather than drink from bubblers

Current allowed school activities and requirements

- Library access with staff/essential adults maintaining physical distancing
- Operation of the Uniform Shop
- Face-to-face parent/teacher meetings where necessary
- School sporting activities (non-contact) on site

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- External sporting grounds may be used
- The following people may come onto school grounds, given they adhere to essential visitor directives:
 - Allied health providers, wellbeing and case management professionals (including NDIS suppliers)
 - Final year practicum teaching students
 - Construction and maintenance providers
 - Necessary community use operators

Activities permitted to take place from Monday 15 June and requirements

- All Department of Community and Justice activities
- School Assemblies – limited to 15 minutes and no external visitors
- Choirs and performing arts within school settings, however no inter-school activities
- Incursions/external adult providers to support delivery of curriculum (e.g. music teachers), given they adhere to essential visitor directives
- Students may attend other schools for essential curriculum related activities or placements
- Day excursions to outdoor locations with no physical distancing requirements (e.g. DoE Environmental Education Centres, sport and recreation facilities, trips to the river to collect water samples)
- Curriculum and extra-curriculum community use activities (e.g. student sport skills development) that take place outside of school hours with limited adult attendance
- Community use activities on weekends not essential to continuity of education involving adult attendance complying with relevant guidelines
- School photos, but no group staff photos

Activities permitted to take place from Term 3 and requirements

- Parents/carers should not be on school grounds unless on official business or with express permission from the Principal
- School committee meetings, with a strong preference for online meetings where possible
- Parent/teacher meetings where necessary, with a preference for online meetings where possible
- Community use of facilities
- Official visitors and dignitaries may come onto school grounds, given they adhere to essential visitor directives
- Work experience for students may take place
- All school sport and activities (including competitions and those run by external organisations) may take place, given these activities adhere to current health advice
- Inter-school student events and competitions may take place
- Incursions not already permitted involving external adult providers may take place, given the providers adhere to school COVID-19 safe directives



- Practicum teaching for education students
- Community use activities involving general adult attendance, given the organiser remains responsible for compliance with distancing and hygiene requirements subject to advice on the day

Activities under consideration from Term 3

(For now these activities remain on hold)

- School excursions (other than day excursions noted above)
- Parent attendance at Assemblies and other school events
- Parent volunteers back on school grounds
- Interstate excursions
- Group photos for staff

School-based activities that involve large gatherings of adults, such as parent functions and information evenings, are not permitted at this stage but will continue to be reviewed.

Activities Cancelled or Delayed (until further notice)

- Large arts or sports events
- International excursions

We will update you on the measures we will be taking and any further advice we receive.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via the School Office.

We thank you for your continued prayers and partnership.

Yours sincerely,

Jo Blatch

Principal