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Friday May 15th, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support during these past few weeks of remote and flexible learning.

Following advice from the Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government has advised that schools can begin a phased return to on-site schooling.

In the **first stage**, students in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 will return to school from Tuesday 26 May.

To support all school staff to prepare for this transition, **Monday 25 May will be a pupil-free day.**

In the **second stage** of our return to on-site schooling, all students in years 3-6 will return to school from **Tuesday 9 June.**

NB - Students Currently Attending: For those students who cannot be supervised at home and vulnerable children, *the existing model of on-site schooling will remain in place during the two-week period from Tuesday 26 May to Tuesday 9 June.* The current process that we are using to enable parents and carers to indicate the days or part-days for which on-site schooling is required, will continue for this two-week period.

All other students in these grades and year levels will continue learning from home until Tuesday 9 June.

Once a year level has returned, all students will be expected to attend school as normal. This means if you choose to keep your child/children home after their year level has returned to on-site schooling, we can no longer support their learning from home.

This does not apply to children who need to be absent for health or medical reasons. For those families, please contact the school on 59647783 so we can make an appropriate plan.

This same approach is being taken by all government schools in Victoria.

To support the health and wellbeing of all our students and staff, our school will continue an enhanced cleaning routine and will encourage frequent hand washing and sanitising.

If your child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice.



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While the Chief Health Officer has advised that students will not be required to maintain physical distancing at school, there will be a number of important changes to our school operations, consistent with health advice. This will apply until further notice. I will provide more detail about our local school context as soon as possible, but it is important to note that changes will include:

Students arriving by vehicle

- **All parents need to remain outside of school premises.** Restrictions on access to the school site for anyone, other than immediate school staff and students;
- **Stage 1 - Prep-2:** Kiss and drop in the bottom carpark (**Grieve Street**) from 8.45am.
 - For safety reasons, student/s need to exit from the left hand side of the vehicle.
 - Please remain in your vehicle, a staff member will direct your child to their classroom.
- **Stage 1:** Pick up from 3.15pm.
 - Please remain in your vehicle; a staff member will bring your child/ren to your car.
- **Stage 2:** Staggered school start and finish times **to be confirmed.**
- There are restrictions on access to the school site for anyone other than immediate school staff and students.

Students walking/riding to School

- No access to school grounds until 8.45am; accompanying parents need to remain outside the school fence. On arrival, students need to go directly to their classroom.

Parent Teacher Interviews

- Will take place via Webex at the beginning of Term 3, dates to be confirmed.

We understand that some families may feel anxious about this move back to classroom teaching and learning. I can assure you that this decision has been taken on the basis of the best health advice available to our state.

More information about the return to school and coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found on the Department's website, which will continue to be updated:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/coronavirus.aspx>

Thank you for your continued support and patience during this time. We look forward to welcoming our students back to the classroom.

Yours sincerely,

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