



ST THERESE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

12 October, 2021

Staggered Return to Classroom Learning Week 3 Term 4

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

We are very excited to begin the transition back to classroom learning. Please read the following information carefully and contact the school if you have any concerns or questions.

The following outlines the staggered return to on-site classroom learning with health and safety measures in place.

For Week 3 the following year levels are to return to Classroom Learning on the outlined days.

- Monday 18th October – Foundation
- Tuesday 19th October – Foundation
- Wednesday 20th October – Foundation
- Thursday 21st October – Years 1 and 2
- Friday 22nd October – Years 1 and 2

Students in Years 3-6 will continue to learn from home and the school will continue to provide Remote Learning for those year levels.

Onsite Supervision for students who meet the government requirement (Essential Worker Permits and Vulnerability) will continue to be offered. Please complete the Operoo form to book your child in to Onsite Supervision if they meet the government criteria and are not included in the return to Classroom Learning for Week 3. The form will close on Sunday October 17 at 5pm.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS FROM WEEK 3

To minimise adults grouping at the gates of our schools we will return to a staggered drop off and pick up system. To help minimise the risk of spreading the virus we kindly ask that parents remain at their cars rather than congregating at the gates.

Designating drop-off/pick-up points for parents

- Students with surnames ending in A-K will be dropped off and picked up at the Endeavour Drive Gate
- Students with surnames ending in L-Z will be dropped off and picked up at the Mitchell Court Gate
- Any student who attends Merinda Park for Before or After School will use the Merinda Park Gate

Staff will be at the gates to assist students. Parents are asked not to enter the school grounds to drop off or pick up their child/ren until further notice.



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All visitors to the school, including parents, need to report to our new reception office located back at the main building on Endeavour Drive. Visitors will need to sign in using the QR Code and complete the Entry Declaration Form.

To help keep all staff and students safe and healthy whilst at school, we ask that if your child experiences even the mildest of symptoms of COVID that they stay home and seek the appropriate medical advice.

Please watch out for one or more of the following symptoms:

- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss of sense of smell. In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered.

If your child becomes unwell while at school, you will be contacted and required to come and collect your child.

If students who are being tested for COVID have siblings who attend the school, then the siblings should also remain at home until a negative test result is provided for the student awaiting a test result.

As previously communicated, year 3-6 students are now required to bring to school and wear a fitted face-mask while indoors at school, unless a lawful exception applies. Foundation – Year 2 students are encouraged to wear a face mask; however, it is not mandatory at this time.

Parents, guardians and carers are encouraged to inform their child(ren) of the face mask requirements, and to continue to reinforce with their child(ren) the need to keep 1.5 metres apart from other people, to wash and dry hands thoroughly and regularly, and cough and sneeze into a tissue or their elbow.

Parents, guardians and carers will also be required to wear a face mask when dropping off or picking up their child(ren) or if required to collect an unwell child(ren) from the school.

The School will continue to promote age-appropriate hygiene practices for all students and continue the extended school cleaning programs during the school day, including cleaning school playground equipment after use.

When returning to school, students need to bring their device, hat and face mask (Year 3-6 only).

I appreciate that this continues to be a challenging time for all and I thank all our parents, guardians, carers and the wider school community for their continued hard work and support.

If you require clarification in relation to the updated Term 4 arrangements or additional support, please contact me via email principal@sttcbourne.catholic.edu.au

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Bruitzman
Principal