



COVID -19 Communication #2 Term 1 2022

Thursday 27 January 2022

Dear Parents

This communication is to inform you of COVID 19 mandates/procedures for **entry & exit to and from the school, including face mask protocols and the requirements when in the school precinct and/or inside school buildings** for the first four weeks of the 2022 school year.

Entry into school precinct

School gates will be open from 8.30am.

Entry to school via gates

Foundation - Year 4 students

Foundation - Year 4 students are required to enter the school via Saunders Street, Hawthorn Street or Benny Lane gates.

The newly renovated and refurbished classrooms are now ready and open for learning. How exciting!

There will be teachers outside on the first day of school who will direct students and parents to their new classrooms.

Foundation - Year 2 students are in the downstairs learning areas of the new learning spaces and the Year 3-4 students will be upstairs in their new learning spaces.

Year 5/6 students

The Year 5/6 students are required to enter the Senior Learning Area (SLA) building via the Hawthorn Street entrance and proceed upstairs to their learning areas above the hall.

Entry to classrooms

Foundation

Foundation classroom entry will be via the Saunders Street yard. Parents/carers and children are asked to enter the school via the Saunders Street gate and wait in the school's Saunders Yard outside the external doors to the building for guidance from the teacher at the door. ***Kindly ensure that social distance of 1.5m is observed.***

Year 1/2 students

Year 1/2 students will enter their classrooms via the middle doors in the quadrangle next to the external staircase via the Hawthorn Yard.

Year 3/4 students

Year 3/4 students will enter their learning spaces via the green doors outside Mrs Watson's office windows. Once students have entered the building via these doors, students should make their way upstairs via the internal staircase. Alternatively, the Year 3/4 students may access the upstairs learning areas via the external staircase (weather permitting).

Year 5/6 students:

As advised above, the Year 5/6 classes are located in the classrooms above the hall in the SLA.

Students enter this area via the hall foyer doors and the staircase to the SLA.

Protocols to be observed when entering the school precinct

- To keep our community as safe as possible and to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus, we are requesting that parents/carers of Year 1-6 students remain outside the buildings when dropping off and picking up students. This will reduce congestion inside the buildings.
- As you would appreciate, logistically, we are not able to provide Covid marshalls at each entrance to check all parents' vaccination status, QR code entry, face mask and social distancing compliance. However, parents/carers are not required to sign in using the QR code and show their vaccination status if they only enter the school grounds and not the school buildings.
- Face masks are not required outdoors but will need to be worn if entering the school buildings. We still ask that social distancing requirements be observed both indoors and outdoors whilst on the school premises.

First day of school - drop off

- **Year 1-6 students:** Although the first day of school may be difficult for some students, we encourage parents/carers of Year 1-6 students to say their goodbyes to their children in the yard. In that regard, it is advisable to prepare your child/children for this moment as best you can.
- **Foundation students:** The school understands that the first day of school for our Foundation students is a momentous occasion and we would like to make it as special and safe as possible for parents and students attending the school for the first time. On the first day of school, the parents/carers of Foundation students are invited to enter the classroom with their children to help settle them in. ***Parents/carers of Foundation students entering the building will need to sign in using QR codes, be fully vaccinated and display this to the staff acting as Covid marshalls. Parents/carers are also reminded to wear face masks inside the building and observe social distancing requirements.***

Entering the school building - general requirements

- All parents/carers (visitors) who need to enter the school buildings (office area) will be required to sign in using the QR Code provided at the entrance door to the building and be fully vaccinated. This must be viewed by a staff member prior to access to the building being granted.

Protocols for student dismissal

- To reduce congestion at the end of each day, students will be dismissed at staggered times.
- Students who are members of the MacKillop (BLUE) and Daly (RED) teams will be dismissed from the Hawthorn Yard and SLA areas at 3.20pm.
- Students who are members of Mannix (GREEN) and Lee (GOLD) teams will be dismissed from the Hawthorn Yard and SLA areas at 3.30pm

Facemask - protocols and recommendations

- ***Face masks must be carried by adults at all times both inside and outside, however, they are not required to be worn outside the school building if social distancing (1.5m) is maintained***
- ***Face masks must be worn indoors in the school buildings by all adults, including teachers when not in the act of teaching***
- ***All students from Years 3-6 are required to wear masks indoors***
- ***It is strongly recommended that Foundation -Year 2 students wear face masks indoors.***

Covid safe reminders

- Stay home when unwell
- Practice good hygiene
- Ensure physical distancing (1.5m)
- Wear a mask when required or as recommended
- Avoid interactions in enclosed spaces

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Kind regards

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