



"Learning For Life"

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Dear families,

Re: COVID safe guidelines & school processes

Welcome back to a new school year.

As you may be aware, the Department of Education & Training have COVID safe guidelines for schools, which they regularly update. We will always try and keep you informed of any changes via our School Newsletter and Class Dojo. We are all very glad to know that we can welcome parents, grandparents and visitors into school again! We have certainly missed you. However there are still some extra regulations that we must all adhere to, to keep us all safe.

- Students can arrive at school from 8:30am each day. The bell to wash hands and line up for class goes at 8:55am.
- Students can be dropped off at any entrance to the school.
- At the end of the day there will be no staggered finish time or walking out of classes by staff. Parents/carers can arrange to meet their child in the grounds, at the gates or at their car. Please confirm with your child, where you will be picking them up at 3:20pm.
- We are maintaining an enhanced cleaning schedule at school, with all high touch areas and the toilets being cleaned twice a day – thanks Les!
- Students will still be washing their hands at the start of the day and at the end of recess and lunch.
- Drink bottles are still strongly encouraged, but there are bubble taps available around the school, as well as taps to fill drink bottles.
- Remember that we all need to stay home if unwell- students and staff- and get tested if we have any COVID symptoms.
- Parents/carers can come into the school grounds, but with restrictions that help to keep us all safe:
 - Face masks must be carried at all times.
 - Face masks are recommended when 1.5 metres physical distancing cannot be maintained.
 - There are limits on the number of visitors that can be in inside the buildings at any time, so visits to classrooms are discouraged and must be pre-arranged.
 - When visiting the Office, only one visitor may be in the Office at a time.
 - Where possible, continue to communicate via email or by phone.
 - Parents who choose to drop their children off within the school grounds are asked to do so outside the classrooms.
 - Staff will continue to meet their classes at their handwashing area outside their classroom when the bell rings at 8:55am.
 - If there is a chance that a parent or visitor will remain within the school grounds for longer than 15 minutes, they must check-in via the Service Victoria app. The scannable QR code will be found at each of the entrances. If you can't scan you must register manually at the office via the main entrance.

As always I appreciate your feedback. You can contact me at: christopher.mccallum@education.vic.gov.au

Regards,

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