



Monday 7, February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

All schools have recently received directions from The Chief Health Officer who has advised that schools should limit school gatherings of students and staff to class groups or small groups within a year level. This is to minimise the number of students or staff impacted by the presence of a positive COVID case.

Principals are encouraged to re-assess large gatherings and off-site events in line with relevant health advice. This has impacted some of the planned events on our Term One Planner. The following events have been cancelled or postponed.

- No whole school assemblies or gatherings.
- The Welcome Back Picnic is now postponed
- The Meet the Teacher Nights for Y1 – Y6 parents this week are cancelled. Information that would have been shared at these meetings will be shared by teachers on Seesaw.

In accordance with advice from the Chief Health Officer we are also limiting the contact staff and students have with each other. Students will eat lunch separately in their classrooms rather than in the undercover area. Staff will eat recess and lunch in classrooms. Staff Meetings and collaborative planning will take place online. Parents can also play their part in ensuring the safety of all community members by:

- When possible, using the drop off and pick up at the Car Park and Church. These areas will be supervised by staff members who will assist the younger children to enter the school grounds and take them to their classrooms.
- Limiting the number of adults in a classroom at drop off/pickup
- Leaving the school grounds, no later than 8.45am where possible
- Kindergarten and Pre-Primary Families, are asked to leave the school grounds no later than 9:00am
- Masks are mandatory for anyone over twelve on school grounds
- Social Distancing 1.5m is in place
- A maximum of two adults at a time in school office (with social distancing)

Further public health measures may be stepped up should high caseloads be experienced in the community. We will continue to communicate updated information via email and all communication sent will be uploaded to our school website, a COVID link can be found on the home page.

Previously, our efforts to provide a safe and healthy school environment over the past two years have been successful because of the generous support of parents and community members and your understanding of the importance of maintaining the safest environment.

We are hoping that you continue to afford the staff and our children your support and adhere to the above requirements.

The children are all following stringent hygiene practices and the school has a well developed and thorough cleaning and hygiene action plan in place.

Please remember that we may need to change procedures at times, due to the Chief Medical Officer's guidelines, and school circumstances. Flexibility will be the key.

On behalf of the staff, thank you very much for your cooperation and support as we continue to navigate the unpredictability of COVID.

God Bless

Sheldon Carey

Principal