

22 April 2020

Dear Parent/Carers

I am writing to you to let you know about the arrangements for Term 2 and what they will mean for you and your child. As these are unprecedented times, we will need to do some things differently to keep the school community safe and maintain learning.

We understand this may be an uncertain and difficult period for you and your family. The State Government has given parents a choice about whether their children return to school for face-to-face teaching or learn from home. We respect that this is a personal decision influenced by each family's circumstances.

Please follow the link to complete our Survey Monkey and submit it by close of business this Friday 24 April. This will help us to make interim plans based upon the needs of your family. The survey includes the opportunity to authorise school staff to take your child's temperature at school.

The following may help with your planning and decision-making:

- Monday 27 April is a public holiday;
- Tuesday 28 April will be a pupil free day. There will be no students at school as staff will be preparing;
- From Wednesday 29 April, school is open for all students whose parents/carers choose to send them;
- Students who attend school will be taught a face-to-face program;
- Your child's teacher will continue to provide online or hard copy packages for students learning from home;
- Your child's teacher will be in regular contact by phone and/or electronically;
- If your child is attending school, we will be in contact to arrange drop off and pick up routines to manage visitors on school grounds;
- We are exploring a range of options to promote adequate hygiene and social distancing, including timetable changes, staggered start and finish times, use of personal protective equipment, structured hand washing routines as well as changes to playground and staffroom arrangements;
- Parents and carers of young people with complex medical and/or behavioural needs are encouraged to seek medical advice regarding school attendance.

Please remember that staff and students who are unwell cannot come to school. Anyone who becomes unwell will need to leave school to seek appropriate medical advice. Please have plans in place should this be needed.

The State Government is providing \$43 million in additional funding for increased environmental cleaning throughout the day, including high touch surfaces and playground equipment. Our playgrounds will be open and play equipment will be cleaned before school and after each break.

These arrangements will be in place and regularly reviewed ahead of a formal review in Week 4 commencing 18 May. As always, State Government decisions will be based on advice from the Department of Health.

We want all families to feel supported and informed. Thank you for your partnership as we work through this together. Please email if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's needs. We will continue to provide updates as circumstances and needs change.

Sincere thanks for your care and cooperation.

Stay safe

Hilary Palmer
Principal