

Keeping you in the loop...

5 June 2020

Dear Parents and carers

As we enter Phase 3 of the WA Roadmap the Department of Education have provided operating guidelines for all schools. These guidelines allow parents/carers and visitors to come on to school sites to attend pre-arranged meetings and for drop off and pick up purposes, however this should be limited to a **maximum of 100** people with physical distancing of one person per 2 sq. metres. Unfortunately, in a school of 417 students these guidelines are very difficult to meet.

I have received positive feedback from parents and staff about the current operations in place for student drop off and pick up, especially with our Early Childhood students where their independence and resilience has shown a positive increase. As a result of this feedback and in consultation with the administration team the following processes will be put into place from Monday 8 June 2020.

Drop off and pick up

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- Parents are to continue to drop off their children at the gates in the morning.
- Our education assistants will take students to their classes where they will be greeted by their teacher.
- Parents are to pick up their children at **2:30pm** in the afternoon **from the classroom**.
- We will restrict numbers to 1 adult on site per child and parents are not permitted in the classroom.
- Physical distancing must be adhered to.
- Parents are to leave the school grounds and carparks quickly to allow for the pre-primary parents to enter the school grounds at 2:45pm.
- No children are to play on the play equipment or with any resources after school.

Pre-primary

- Parents will continue to drop off their children at the gates in the morning.
- Our education assistants will take students to their classes where they will be greeted by their teacher.
- Parents must pick up their children at **2:45pm** in the afternoon **from the classroom**.
- We will restrict numbers to 1 adult on site per child and parents are not permitted in the classroom.
- Physical distancing must be adhered to.
- Parents are to leave the school grounds and carparks as soon as possible.
- No children are to play on the play equipment or with any resources after school.

Years 1-6

- Parents are encouraged to use the Kiss and Drive or to drop your children at the designated gates in the morning.
- Parents are to pick their children up from the designated gates or the Kiss and Drive area in the afternoon.

Hygiene

The use of hand sanitiser and handwashing practices will continue throughout the school day. Additional cleaning of high use areas and playgrounds will continue.

Teacher/Parent meetings

Appointment times can be made via phone call or email with your child's teacher. During face to face meetings physical distancing measures are adhered to at all times.

Unwell staff and students

Students and staff who display any signs of illness must be kept home until they are well.

Running Club

Mr Willey is very excited to be able to start Running Club for students in PP-6 this term. Our first session for this term will start next Wednesday 10 June at 7:45am and will start next week. Parents will not be able to attend Running Club. Please drop your children off at the end of the oval closet to the basketball courts where we will have staff to supervise them.

Choir

Mr Tyrie will recommence choir on Tuesday 16 June at 7:45am. Choir students can enter the school through the administration block.

School start time

Our gates open at 8:10am and we like our students to be in class by 8:15am. When they arrive at this time they can get themselves organized and sit down to do their café reading (10 -15 minutes of independent reading to help build their fluency) prior to the bell going. This routine settles them and they are ready to learn by 8:30am.

We have many students who do not arrive until right on 8:30am or after the gates have closed and the bell has gone. Students who arrive after this time must enter through the admin office and provide a reason for being late. Please endeavor to get your children to school by 8:15am to give them the best possible start to the day.

Kiss and Drive

- This area is only to be used to drop off or pick up your children.
- You must not park in the Kiss and Drive bays.
- The driver or passenger are **not** to get out of the car.
- The students should have their bags with them so they can get out of the car easily. Bags should not be put in the boot of the car.
- You must pull into the first bay available and when your child has exited the car, wait until the car in front has exited the bay before you pull out.
- Check for traffic before pulling out onto the road.
- It is safest for your children to get out of the car on the passenger side, away from the traffic.



ACROD Parking Bays

The only cars that can be parked in these bays are those with an ACROD sticker. We have a number of families who require these parking bays. Please do not park in these bays at any time unless your ACROD sticker is displayed.

Park your car

When dropping your children/grandchildren off at school or picking them up in the morning it is important that you park your car in a car bay unless you are using the Kiss and Drive zone. It is unsafe to stop the car in the middle of the carpark to let your children out. The safety of our school community is our first priority.

Hats

We are a sun safe school and all students must wear the school bucket hat. There are a number of students without hats at present or wearing different style hats to school. We will be having a hat blitz starting on Monday and any student who does not have their hat will have to sit on the bench under the verandah during break time. Please remind your children to bring their school hats to school.

Thank You

I would like to sincerely thank you all for the exceptional support you have given the staff and students during this last few months and in supporting the many different strategies we have had to put in place as a response to the Covid-19 situation. The focus for our community has always been about keeping everyone safe and well and together we have worked as a team to ensure this is the case. I am sure that we will look back on this time and reflect on the positives that have come out of COVID-19.

Until next time...

Bec Burns
Principal

Together we grow!

