

11 March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see below changes to a number of school events and procedures as a result of the NSW Government updated COVID-19 restrictions that apply to schools. **Schools can welcome parents back in a COVID-safe way.**

Whole School Monday Assemblies

From this **Monday 15 March at 8:30am** we will recommence gathering as a school community in the hall for our weekly Monday morning assembly. Parents, carers and community members are permitted to attend our weekly assembly and adhere to the below steps.

Parents, carers and community members...

1. are to enter and exit via the bottom single gate outside the hall.
2. are to check in via a QR code located outside the hall entrance.
3. are to hand sanitise at the dispensers located on the wall inside the hall.
4. must remain seated upon entering the hall and socially distance
5. are not to approach any child or class.
6. must exit the hall and school as directed by staff at the end of assembly, before students move to class.

Before school

Based on the feedback from students, staff and parents for the remainder of 2021 we will continue the same morning procedures as currently in place. No parent, carer or community member is to enter the school grounds in the morning. This decision has been based on the decrease in student anxiety, increase in student independence and assurance that we can maintain social distancing.

Any adult needing to enter the school grounds before school **must** enter via the school administration office.

Existing Parents & Parishioners School Tour - bookings essential

To celebrate and share our new school facilities we will be holding school tours for existing parents and parishioners over the upcoming weeks. These tours will be limited to **30 available spots for each tour and bookings are essential.**

Tour times & dates...

Wednesday 24 March - 12pm

Thursday 25 March - 9:30am

Tuesday 30 March - 9:15am

Monday 26 April 1:45pm

To make a booking please visit <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au> and enter the following code:

bbkxr Please note that every adult attending **must** register separately.

Parent helpers

We will be reviewing the reintroduction of parent helpers in our classrooms at the commencement of Term 2. More information to follow.

Parent group events

All parent group events will recommence and parent/carer helpers are required to comply with the directions outlined by the school and Parent Group executive.

Masses, Liturgies and Penance

Class masses and penance will continue to be in the church in class groups and comply with the parish's church protocols. We will be investigating holding whole school masses, prayers and liturgies from Term 2 to take place in the parish/school hall.

Sporting Events

Parents will be permitted to attend and spectate at our school sporting events e.g. Cross Country but must register attendance via a QR code, maintain physical distancing, not approach any child or class and remain in the designated area. An exception to this would be assisting with the running of the event.

External Providers

External providers delivering educational services such as the current Sydney Thunder Cricket and next term's Gymnastics will proceed with a COVID-19 Safety Plan in place.

Student and Staff Illness

While restrictions around family engagement with school life have eased, protocols surrounding student illness remain unchanged.

- Students and staff are not to attend school if they are unwell. This includes a runny nose or sore throat.
- Students and staff who are absent from school with flu like symptoms, or, who have been sent home because they have flu-like symptoms must have a COVID-19 test
- Students and staff are not able to return to school until they return a negative COVID-19 result and are symptom-free
- A negative COVID-19 test result must be provided to the school before a student can come back to school. The test results can be a NSW Health or COVID-19 Testing Centre letter, SMS or email and/or a medical certificate.

We understand these processes may be frustrating, however in order to protect the health and safety of all we are required to follow them. Thank you for being respectful to school staff who call to ask for a child to be collected.

Finally, thank you for your anticipated support and understanding as we continue to work together for the safety and wellbeing of our community.

Yours sincerely

Steven Jones
Principal