



Dear Parents,

Following the Premier's announcement last night and after information received from the Education Department this morning, I am pleased to confirm that school will return on Monday 8 February 2021, though with a few rules and restrictions in place. At this stage, these extra restrictions will only be with us for the first week...fingers crossed!

### **Masks**

Students in primary school are **not** required to wear masks. However, any adult or child 13+ who enters the school site needs to wear a mask. School staff will also be required to wear a mask unless they are in the act of teaching...or eating!

**Parents on Site.** With the exception of drop-off and pick-up, any parent entering the school site must sign in at the office. While parents are permitted on the school site for drop-off and pick-up, it would be helpful if parents of older students who do not require escorting, allow their children to enter and leave school by themselves. Please organise with your child an appropriate afterschool meeting place. Those parents who do come on site are asked to stay for the shortest time practical.

### **First Day(s)**

**Kindergarten –Year 2.** For children in this age group, the first day of school can be both an exciting and worrying experience. Parents of these children are, of course, welcome to escort their children to class and wish them well for the day. As would be the case anyway, it is best that parents do not linger outside the classroom after drop-off. Socialising/chatting with other parents is best done out of view of the classroom.

**Years 3-6.** Children of this age can still become anxious on the first morning. If your child needs a little moral support, particularly on the first day, then feel free to accompany him/her to the classroom. Remember a short stay is better.

**KINDY PARENTS PLEASE NOTE!! The roster that you have been given for the staggered start to the year remains unchanged. This week coming (from 9-2-21) is Week 2. All Kindy students should come on Tuesday/Thursday for half a day. The week 1 roster no longer applies.**

**Cleaning.** Stage 4 cleaning procedures remain in place for first term. High touch surfaces, desks and play equipment are sanitized during the day.

We are all really looking forward to getting the 2021 school year up and running and we appreciate parents' support in following the rules and only coming onto the school site when necessary. We are expecting further information to be provided during today or tomorrow. We will inform parents of any relevant updates when they become available.

Kind regards  
Michael Black  
Principal