

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Outside school hours care through Camp Australia is available to students. Parents are asked to book in using their [Parent Portal](#).

HEALTH AND SAFETY MEASURES

The Term 3 remote and flexible learning arrangements were put in place to significantly reduce the movement of more than one million students and their families across Victoria, to help slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19). Thanks to you and your family for contributing to this on behalf of our school community.

As on-site schooling resumes, we will continue to have in place strong measures to protect the health and safety of students, staff, families and the community. This includes the arrangements for the start and finish of the school day, restricting access to school grounds to only essential services deliveries to support the school operation. There will be continued emphasis on hand hygiene and physical distancing where possible.

Parents are only able to enter the school grounds for essential business. Arrangements for this can be made by phoning the school office on 9775 7533. Parents must wear face masks at all times.

As mentioned previously, please give particular attention to reducing the risks associated with congregation at school gates and taking steps to contribute to physical distancing within the school.

If your child is unwell you must keep them home. If they become unwell while at school, we will contact you to pick them up immediately. Please ensure that your emergency contact information is up to date.

Cleaning will be provided throughout the day in addition to our normal daily clean.

IN TERM 4, WE WILL BE FOCUSED ON THREE KEY PRIORITIES

Mental health and wellbeing: Our highest priority will be the wellbeing, particularly the mental health, of every student and member of staff. This means effectively mobilising all available resources to support our most vulnerable students and enabling staff to access the relevant support services. Mrs Deb Haddow has already sent out a school Dojo with strategies for helping your child return to school. There are also resources that you can access which are published on our school website.

Learning and excellence: Some of our students have thrived in the remote and flexible learning environment, others have maintained their learning progress, and some have fallen behind, despite their best efforts and those of their families and teachers. Our priority will be supporting both those who need it to catch up and those who have progressed to continue to extend their learning.

Transitions: We will make every effort to ensure successful transitions for children moving from kindergarten into Prep, the Grade 6s moving into Year 7.

We know some families are worried that their child may have to repeat a year due to the disruptions of coronavirus (COVID-19). There is little evidence to support the benefits of repeating a year to catch up. Instead, schools will use teaching strategies that draw on the best evidence available to help students meet their learning needs.

Parents, families and carers can be confident that the best option for almost every child is to stay with their peer group, whether that is moving from kindergarten into Prep or moving from Grade 6 into Year 7 at secondary school, or students moving up any year level in between.

Our school, working with you, has shown it can be flexible and adaptable in responding to the challenges of coronavirus (COVID-19) and will continue to meet student needs as we look towards the end of the 2020 school year and ahead to 2021.

OTHER INFORMATION

- The canteen will reopen on Monday 12 October. Di Chalmers, our canteen manager will send out a dojo with all the relevant details.
- Children are required to bring their own drink bottles as the drinking fountains will not be available for use. Please label these bottles clearly.
- We are a Sunsmart school and hats are compulsory in Term 4. Children without hats will be required to remain in designated shaded areas during recess and lunchtime.
- Playground equipment will be available for use by the students however, for hygiene reasons, we request that students do not bring their own sports equipment or toys to school at this time.
- There are still a number of restrictions in place which will impact on the normal school program: no excursions and camps, no school tours or on-site transition programs. These will be conducted 'virtually' until restrictions are eased. We will keep you informed when any changes are made.