

8 October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Revised Return of Students plan for Term 4 2021**

On Thursday 7 October, the Premier announced a further adjustment to the return to school plan for those schools who have been in extended lockdowns, bringing the return for the final cohort forward a week from 1 November.

#### **Return to face-to-face learning**

The return to school will be staggered as follows:

- Week commencing Monday 18 October: Kindergarten and Year 1 students will return
- Week commencing Monday 25 October: Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 students will return

***This is a staggered return for prioritised cohorts, with no mingling or onsite activities and your support with this process will be greatly appreciated.***

#### **Learning from Home**

Stage-based learning packages will continue to be sent out as per Term 3. Kindergarten - Year 2 packs will continue to be sent out via Schoolzine with student / teacher communication via Seesaw. Year 3 - Year 6 packs will continue to be delivered through Seesaw and Google Classroom.

The school will not be operating 2 platforms of learning once all cohorts have been allowed to return and the provision of online learning will cease. Please contact the school if to discuss your child's attendance if they will not be returning onsite to school by Monday 25 October.

Please be aware that in preparation for the return to school of all of our students, class teachers will be engaging in Stage planning next week to ensure a smooth and supported transition for students back to face-to-face learning. This will potentially result in delayed teacher feedback to students on their submitted learning tasks.

***All learning will be provided face to face from Monday 25 October.***

#### **Walking Lines**

Whilst I appreciate parent concerns regarding the cancellation of walking lines, please understand that this decision has been made in line with the Department of Education Covid Safe guidelines. These guidelines require the school to adopt a cohort model to reduce the mixing of students and reduce the number of potential close contacts.

#### **Congregating near school exit and entry points**

Parents are reminded to be mindful of physical distancing protocols when dropping students at school and when collecting students at the end of the day. Parents are asked to move away from the entry and exit gates as soon as their child has arrived after the bell at the end of the school day.

As we continue to navigate the evolving situation, I will endeavour to provide parents with regular updates ensuring that we are all fully informed. There is more information for parents available on the Department of Education website – please refer to these attached links.

[https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/en/home/inside-the-department/covid-19/information-for-staff/Term4\\_infographic2.pdf](https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/en/home/inside-the-department/covid-19/information-for-staff/Term4_infographic2.pdf)

[https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/covid-19/media/Roadmap to Return Guidelines for Families.pdf](https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/covid-19/media/Roadmap%20to%20Return%20Guidelines%20for%20Families.pdf)

I would like to thank parents and carers for their ongoing support and understanding at this time – we look forward to the return of our students by 25 October!

If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact the school, we are here to assist.

Yours Sincerely

Donna Harris  
Principal