



Hygiene and Safety – Specific Requests and Information

Dear Parent/Carer

There has been a lot of information sent out recently about students returning to school. Within that information were specific measures to maximise student and staff safety.

Some of these measures are school specific and may be different to the measures within your own home. It is important, however, that everyone adheres to hygiene and safety expectations as we have many more individuals and people coming from a large variety of different environments.

The following are important for our site and ultimately your children:

- Students that are unwell need to stay home and not attend school until they have recovered. We will continue to monitor every student and anyone who is outwardly ill or is running a temperature will be placed in sick bay until parents can pick them up.
- The school is receiving hygiene products such as sanitiser from the department. This is supplementing the materials we have purchased ourselves. Students will be advised when at school what the expectations are in this area. If you know that your child is allergic to particular sanitiser components, please advise us straight away.
- The school is scheduled for enhanced cleaning during the day. This entails several hours of extra cleaning during the middle of the day in high traffic areas. This is all designed to limit the risk of transferring the virus if it is present within the school population.
- Non-essential visitors continue to have no access to the school site. This does not include the tradesmen completing work around the school (they do have rules to follow though) but does include many external departmental staff as well as other adults who are not parents/carers.
- It is important that parents/carers only enter the school through the front office as this is the only control point we have to monitor access to the school. Parents/Carers have always been welcome onsite and are not restricted from coming into the front office to complete essential tasks. It is important that parents/carers do not encourage students to move out of bounds to meet them – in particular the front of the school. They invariably take a friend which contravenes social distancing protocols and supervision obligations.
- Parents/Carers who wish to drop off food to their child(ren) must do so after entering the school through the front office. This is no different to what we would normally ask. Take-away food is not permitted as it is outside Healthy School policies whilst bringing food to school for other students outside the family unit is a cross contamination safety concern.
- Social distancing will be enforced by staff in class and during recess/lunch. Students may see this as a burden but it is part of our departmental expectations and students will need to be resilient and work with us. There will be changes to procedures across the school that will be conveyed to students in Week 3.
- The canteen can re-commence operation which will be a bonus. Supporting the canteen will assist in keeping it viable. It is an essential part of our wellbeing framework whilst also providing income to the P&C which comes back to the school. The operation of the canteen will be limited to pre-packaged food, drinks and lunch orders. Appropriate queue management will be in place.
- Students behaving in a manner that places other people at risk through unwanted and/or inappropriate contact, entering other peoples personal space or using their possessions without permission will place themselves at risk of school sanction. The actual intention of the act will be taken into account, however, students must think carefully about what they do. Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is about teaching students about appropriate behaviour. All our messages to students are framed in PBL language – safe, responsible, respectful and resilient!

There is a range of views in the community which we appreciate, however, the school operates within the expectations of the Department of Education. The good will of families to this point has been fantastic and we do value the support. As students return it is important that they appreciate the current situation and work with us in keeping everyone safe.

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