

Dear Parents and Caregivers

I am writing to you during the school holidays to let you know about the arrangements for our school for Term 2 and what it will mean for you and your children.

These are unprecedented times and therefore, we will need to do some things differently in schools over the coming weeks, to maintain learning and to keep your children and our staff safe.

I understand this may be an uncertain and difficult period for you and your family. That is why the State Government has given parents a choice about whether their children return to school for face-to-face teaching or learn from home. It is a personal decision influenced by each family's circumstances.

To assist with your decision making, please note the following:

- Monday 27 April is a public holiday;
- Tuesday 28 April will be a pupil free day. There will be no students at school as staff will be using this day for preparation;
- From Wednesday 29 April, school is open for all students whose parents/carers choose to send them;
- Students who attend school will be taught a face-to-face program and timetable. We will need to see how many children attend before making final arrangements. Classes may be combined, and students may be in a different class than in Term 1;
- For those children learning from home, this will be through online or hard copy packages provided to you from school. Details of how to undertake and return the work will accompany the packages. As mentioned in earlier communication, students have previously been given a work package for Weeks 1 and 2. A new package is being planned for distribution for Week 3.
- For those students who are learning from home, contact by school will be made each week via phone and/or online;
- Parents are asked to drop their child/children at the school gate, please do not enter the school grounds. This measure is critical in order to reduce the likelihood of adult to adult transmission of the virus, thus keeping both our staff and parents safe.

The State Government is providing \$43 million in additional funding to expand school cleaning, in line with the health advice. Cleaners will work throughout the day to ensure all high-use areas, such as benchtops, desks, doorknobs, taps and handrails, are regularly cleaned and surfaces disinfected. Our playgrounds will be open and play equipment will be cleaned before school and after each break.

I will continue to update you with information and arrangements as they come to hand. As I am sure that you will appreciate, some of the arrangements can only be made after we are aware of which students are attending and which students are being kept at home. Kindly complete the attached brief online survey to assist us get ready for your children.

We want all families and children to feel supported and informed during this time. I thank you for your partnership as we navigate this together.

Sincerely



Geoff Elliott
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