

5 June 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers

On Monday 8 June we enter Phase 3 of the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions.

School attendance is still compulsory unless the children are exempted for health reasons.

We are still actively encouraging safe hygiene practices with the children and our enhanced cleaning will continue until at least the end of term. All of the children need to bring a drink bottle which they can fill, using the swan neck spouts installed at each of the drink fountains. Even though the design of the 'bubbler' taps makes it difficult for the children to make mouth contact with the spouts, they are still discouraged from using them.

The biggest change associated with Phase 3 restrictions is parents and carers are now able to enter the school grounds for pickup and drop offs. The usual health and hygiene practices will still be in force, as well as physical distancing of one person per 2 square metres. The social distancing is perhaps more of an issue in the afternoon. Whilst waiting for your child, please ensure you try to distance yourself as much as is practicable from other parents waiting to collect their children.

Parents are asked not to wait for their children on the second floor, as we need to make sure traffic on the stairwells is minimised to ensure the safer exit of students at the end of the day.

Also, if you need to discuss issues related to your child with their teacher, please contact the school to arrange an appointment time, rather than conducting a 'door stop' interview. This ensures the confidentiality of the discussion and allows the teacher to be better prepared to address your questions.

Excursions and interschool activities can now occur, but they must not exceed 100 people indoors or 300 people outside and must follow the 2 square metres per person social distancing requirement.

For the time being we will not be holding school assemblies. We could have difficulties ensuring the 2 square metre requirement is met. We will re-examine this at the end of the term in preparation for Term 3.

Another big change is that Breakfast Club will begin again. We will start slowly by having service on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This will commence on Wednesday 10th June.

The Busselton Senior Camp scheduled for November 2 to November 6 (Week 4, Term 4) will go ahead as planned. Notes to reserve a place have gone home with the Year 5 and 6 students today. In the past we have offered the camp initially to Year 6's and then Year 5 if there are any places available. Due to the much shorter lead up time we are throwing it open equally to our Year 5s and 6s. Places must be reserved with the initial deposit of \$50. As previously, if for any reason the child doesn't attend the camp, all monies paid are refunded in full as we are only charged for the children attending. We do need to know as early as possible the final numbers as the cost of the camp changes according to the number attending. We are restricted to a total of 35 children as this is the number that fits comfortably in the coach.

We look forward to seeing all students next week.

Kind regards

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