



Dear Parents,

Thank you for your support over the last 2 terms. By God's kindness and enabling I think we have worked very positively with families to educate and care for our much loved students. Thank you for your patience, flexibility and graciousness if we erred during these trying times. I write to you with some information to prepare us for the second half of the year and also to invite you to complete a survey.

## **School Reports**

As I indicated in a recent newsletter article, school reports will be sent to parents at the end of the winter break rather than at the end of Term 2. This short delay has given teachers more time to assess student progress after we returned to face-to-face teaching.

## **COVID19 Update**

I am pleased to advise members of the school community that, from the beginning of next term, we can relax some of the restrictions that were introduced in response to the challenges presented by COVID-19. While I would obviously dearly love for parents, and other adults who have a connection with our school community, to one day be as involved as they were before the outbreak of the pandemic, we still need to take reasonable precautions based on the advice we receive.

Bubblers will be turned on at the beginning of next term, although the school encourages all students to bring a drink bottle and fill it up at the water bottle refill stations in preference to using the bubblers.

People should not come to the school site if they have similar medical symptoms to the coronavirus e.g. cough, runny nose, fever. Adults, who are not school employees, who come on to school grounds are asked to:

- practice social distancing.
- always sign in at the front office and use the hand sanitiser on the front counter if they are doing anything other than dropping off or picking up children. Adults who are picking up children are asked to not go further than the breezeway/front office area and only stay as long as is needed.

## **Junior School**

Mr Carter and his team have always appreciated parents being involved in the life of the school. He is pleased to advise the following:



Art helpers - Rosters for art helpers and odd jobs will be forwarded to parents at the beginning of the term. If you have changed your circumstances to help please let Mrs Murray know.

Library home readers – parents who come to assist with the exchange of home readers in the IRC are welcome to resume assisting us in this way.

Reading groups – unfortunately we can't invite parents back to reading groups yet.

Prep to Year 2 Athletics Carnival - Children will be participating in a modified carnival at school. We will contact parents if we need assistance with this event. Unfortunately only these parents will be able to attend.

Parent meetings – Parents are asked to arrange all on-site parent meetings at least a day in advance either by email or through the student diary.

Junior School assemblies – parents and other adult members of the school community are asked to only come to the Friday assembly and only if they have a direct connection with the student who is receiving an award.

## **Secondary School – Parent Involvement**

Ideally the school would love adults who have a personal connection with secondary school students to come onto the school site and be involved in the life of the school. However, unfortunately at this time we think that the safest and wisest option is to ask adults, who are not employees of the school, to only come onto school grounds if they have been invited or have made a prior arrangement.

Mr Smith asked me to pass on to parents that secondary school students are expected to walk in the direction of arrows that are marked on our footpath areas, corridors and stairs. This helps to not only encourage social distancing, but is also generally safer and more orderly.

## **Year 12 Graduation**

The school wants to celebrate and honour our Year 12 students with a warm and dignified graduation ceremony at the end of Term 3. I have been personally working with our Year 12 student leaders and staff to achieve this in light of current COVID19 restrictions on the number of people allowed at public gatherings. We are working through a range of options, each of which has benefits, as well as potential downsides and risks. Year 12 parents are very welcome to provide their input into the planning of this important event. Parents who would like to contribute are welcome to register their name. I will be in touch to share the different options and hear your thoughts.



## **Morning Drop Off**

If you drop your children to school in the mornings, would you please read this update on [modified drop arrangements?](#)

## **Term 3 Key Events**

*Specific information about the events will be provided closer to the date.*

July 27 - Term 3 commences  
Aug 7- Secondary School Athletics Carnival  
Aug 13 - Stage 6 Information Evening & Subject Selection  
Aug 26 - HSC Recital Evening  
Sept 2 - Expression Exhibition Evening  
Sept 9 & 15 - Parent Teacher Interviews  
Sept 18 - Activities Day  
Sept 21-23 - Yr 12 Camp TBC  
Sept 25 - Term 3 Concludes

## **Parent Survey**

I have greatly valued your encouragement and feedback as we have moved through this extraordinary first half of the year. Your support and graciousness is a large part of what makes our community so unique.

This short survey is designed to give you a further opportunity to share your thoughts on different areas of school life and also to share your suggestions for improvement.

Please [click here](#) to complete the survey.

Parents are encouraged to share their thoughts throughout the year and not feel that they are limited to the annual survey.

If you would like to convey private or sensitive information to the school or have a specific grievance please contact the appropriate staff member using the [who to contact](#) guide. If you have feedback that is quite specific to a particular subject or teacher, please contact that teacher using the who to contact guide rather than providing this feedback in the survey.

Kind regards,

Mr Brett Hartley  
Principal