



SPEERS POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL

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School Organisation for Term 3

We're looking forward to returning to Term 3 in a relatively normal routine. While there has been a second wave stemming from Victoria, students will return to school as per usual on Tuesday 21st July.

Monday 20th July - Staff Development Day

As planned on the school calendar, Monday the 20th July is a staff development day. Staff will be engaged in developing the 2021 school plan, further development of Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) and team meetings. There is no supervision for students on this day.

Construction Completed

With the refurbishment works to the original Coachwood and Paperbark classrooms finished, we have reached the completion of all construction works to the school. It's a great milestone and a wonderful outcome for our school.

While we are very happy to have all that has been provided to us, it's nice to know that we return to Term 3 as a construction-free site!

Guidelines for Term 3 – COVID Safe

We have recently received the updates to the guidelines for the start of Term 3.

Safety & Hygiene

Under health guidelines, physical distancing for STUDENTS IS NOT REQUIRED, however remains for adults. Hygiene measures will remain vigilantly in place.

Students should continue to bring water bottles from home that can be refilled, rather than drinking from bubblers. Newly installed bubblers have a bottle filling tap available.

As always, if a student is unwell, we ask that they remain home, especially if there are any cold or flu symptoms. Our school community have been very supportive in following this advice over the last term and your support in keeping our students and staff safe and healthy is greatly appreciated!

Any students or staff returning from Victoria prior to the border closure are required to self-isolate for 14 days.

Enhanced cleaning, which includes the targeting of high touch areas such as hard surfaces and door handles will be in place until the end of Term 3 or until such time the health advice changes.

Community & Visitors

- Non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events, this includes parents.
- Essential visitors, eg therapists, canteen volunteers, maintenance workers, are required to complete the visitor acknowledgement form *each* visit. This form now also covers a 14 day period involving travel to Victoria.
- Any essential visitors should still comply with social distancing, health and hygiene requirements.
- Any parent / community member coming to Admin (eg for uniforms, student pick-up / late arrival) please enter from Bell St, rather than coming from Main Rd and walking through the school site.

Drop-offs / Pick-ups

- While outside school grounds, parents and carers picking up students at gates are also asked to remember social distancing at those congregation points.
- Bell St 'Kiss 'N' Ride' works well when we keep to the system. Parents are not required to exit vehicles as staff support in loading the first three vehicles. A few minutes patience pays off for a very safe process. It is difficult for staff to safely track students if they are being "called out" by parents in the initial organisation at the gate.

Permitted School Activities (these are broad guidelines across schools regardless of school size)

- School assemblies of staff and students.
- Library access and sporting activities.
- Extra-curricular programs.
- School Photos.
- Official visitors and dignitaries.

Activities Still on Hold

- Kinder orientation (ours is scheduled for Term 4, information evening later this term).
- School camps & excursions.
- Parent and carer attendance at assemblies and other school events.
- Parent and carer volunteers in classrooms (canteen permitted as its not within the classroom).
- School based activities involving large gathering of parents or community.

Attendance

All students should be either:

- At school as normal.
- At home due to being unwell.
- At home due to medical certificate. If parents believe that their child has a condition which means it's not safe for them to return to school, they will need to provide a medical certificate.

Please note, students who are residing with a family member in one of the categories identified as being at increased risk, should attend school unless a medical practitioner advises otherwise. The parent or carer should provide written confirmation from the treating health professional that the student is unable to attend school and for what time period.

If students are away from school because they are unwell, there is no expectation that they complete schoolwork. It is important that unwell students rest.

If students cannot attend school due to a long-term illness or underlying health condition, as is current practice, schools will continue to be responsible for providing work for students for the period they are prevented from being at school.

Student Semester 1 Reports

As previously advised, Semester 1 reports were extended by the Department until the 30th August. We had advised community that we had anticipated reports to be issued at the end of Week 1 this term. A software glitch in our reporting program has caused a problem with some data entry. We are currently working with the software provider to have this error fixed to enable us to meet our expected date.

As the weeks and term progress we will be updating what restrictions are in place. We thank you for your understanding, patience and compliance with these procedures.

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Principal