



ST MARY'S SCHOOL

*To do ordinary things
extraordinarily well*

5 June 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I hope that this letter finds you all safe and healthy.

As you would be aware, the Premier announced Phase 3 guidelines last week that will come into effect on June 6, 2020. In line with the latest State Government and Department of Health advice, current Term Two arrangements have been reviewed and the following will apply from Monday, 8 June 2020.

All students are required to attend school unless they are unwell, have a medical referral to learn from home or live with a family member who is medically vulnerable.

The St Mary's School **Canteen will continue to be open for recess only**. This is so staff can continue to use the Hall and canteen kitchen as their interim staffroom. Adults are required to have 2m² of floor space each.

The St Mary's School **Uniform Shop will remain closed** to parents and caregivers as physical distancing cannot be assured in the space and given its location nor can minimal contact with the general school population. Orders can be made online or by emailing Jasmin and they will be collated and delivered on a Tuesday.

Students can now participate in a range of school activities including incursions, assemblies, interschool activities, excursions and camps as long as numbers do not exceed 100 people indoors and 300 people outdoors with physical distancing and hygiene practices in place. This is positive for the Faction Cross Country Carnival. More information specific to this will go home prior to June 18.

We will resume Monday morning **assemblies**. I will keep you informed in regard to the whole school assembly planned for the end of this term.

The playgrounds will be re-opened. These will be cleaned daily. Bush Play will now be scaled back to Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunchtime only to ensure that there is adequate supervision at all times.

Parents and caregivers are allowed onto school grounds to drop off and collect their children. To ensure the 2m² rule is adhered to, parents are asked not to enter classrooms at the beginning and end of the school day. Should parents and caregivers need to speak to class teachers they are asked to make an appointment through their diary/communication book or by emailing the teacher directly. Pre-arranged meetings are able to proceed, adhering to physical distancing and hygiene protocols. To ensure that there is limited congestion outside classrooms, particularly in the corridor between Pre-primary and Year One, the following will apply:

- Pre-Kindy to Year One families will be able to use the front (administration) carpark to enter the school.
- Families with children in Pre-kindy to Pre-primary only are asked to drop off at the classroom via the Early Years gate.
- Families with children in Pre-Kindy to Year One who have children across the school can enter via the front steps.
- Families with children in Year Two to Year Six only are to use the back car park to enter the school.

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- There will no longer be a staggered finish at the end of the day.
- Parents and caregivers are asked to maintain physical distancing at all times when on the school grounds. Please consider waiting in vehicles until the bell goes (at the end of the day) before making your way to your child/children's classroom.

Cleaning regimes will continue to occur throughout the school day. Arrangements are in place to ensure that staff and students follow personal hygiene protocols including washing of hands and sanitizing.

We are slowly moving back to pre-COVID19 ways. Thank you to all families, staff and most importantly, students, for your flexibility and agility in responding to and following guidelines. I know that it has been challenging at times and I appreciate everyone's efforts.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning as you drop your children off to school.

Kind regards

Ms Adriana Coniglio
Principal