



Dear parents and caregivers

Thank you for your support during an eventful start to Term 2. Everyone has had to adjust to a new normal and finding different ways of operating. I am grateful for our community's cooperation and engagement with this.

Our school attendance is now at approximately 90 percent. It has been wonderful to see most of our students back in the classroom. I want to acknowledge the professionalism of all staff members in transitioning children back to face-to-face teaching. For those students who have been learning at home, they have had the wonderful expertise and support of our online learning team. Julia Reay, Pam Dunstall, Nicola Flowers and Celeste Franklin have provided a comprehensive and engaging teaching and learning program. We thank them for maintaining strong connections with our students at home.

Today, the State Government announced changes to education based on a review of current arrangements and updated health advice. As of Monday, 18 May 2020 all students are expected to attend school, except for those students medically referred to learn from home.

For parents with medical advice that their child should not attend school due to a health condition or because of a family member's vulnerability, we will work with you in partnership with the School of Special Educational Needs: Medical and Mental Health to support your child's learning from home. If you feel your child is in this category, please do not hesitate to contact the school and we will work together on the next steps. If your child does not attend school without a medical reason, they will be marked as absent and will not be provided a learning program.

This means that, from Monday 18 May, school attendance is compulsory. Students are either:

- at school;
- have a medical referral to learn from home; or
- recorded as absent if they do not attend (normal absentee procedures apply).

Many of the practices to ensure the safety of students and staff, already in place, will remain. This includes:

- the extra cleaning and hygiene practices implemented at the start of Term 2
- parents and carers will continue to drop off and pick up at the gates, and cannot enter school grounds unless it is for a pre-arranged appointment
- no assemblies, excursions, incursions, interschool sport or choir

The State Government will continue to make decisions based on the best health advice. Thank you for your continued support as we move forward.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me on 9432 1000.

Kind regards

Kirsten Dicker
Principal

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