

6th February, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: The start of school on Monday, 8th February 2021

Happily, our Premier has announced that schools will reopen on Monday, 8th February. Throughout the past week, all staff have been busily completing online courses, researching, planning and preparing from home and are more than ready for Term 1 to commence!

Whilst we have kept parents up to date via Facebook and Connect, I acknowledge that reaching out to all new members of the school community has been difficult. Having access to the school site over the weekend, we are now in communication with all of our families. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Today, separate information is being sent to families with kindergarten students, explaining their transition timetable and attendance days.

Whilst an easing of restrictions has been announced, the following Covid safe practices will be in place at Rostrata until further advice is received from the health authorities.

Staff

- All staff will always wear a mask, other than when face-to-face teaching. For all other activities at school, such as duty, working with colleagues and at the beginning and end of the day (meet and greet), a mask must be worn.
- Students are not required to wear a mask.

Parents

- I encourage parents to drop their children at the school gates or Kiss and Go where they will be met by staff.
- Students are also strongly encouraged to either ride, walk or scooter to school (except Kindergarten and Pre Primary as there are duty of care requirements).
- Parents can enter the school site to drop off and collect their children but must adhere to safe Covid practices, including the wearing of masks.
- However, parents are not to enter classrooms before or after school, as this is likely to contravene the 4 square metre rule.

- Parents assisting their child to carry their stationery and personal use supplies to school on day one are asked to remain outside rooms and students will carry their requirements into their class under the direction of their teachers.
- At this stage, we are holding off on parent helpers in classrooms.
- Any planned meetings scheduled for this week, (Week 2) have been postponed until later, when the 4 square metre requirements might be eased.

School Operational Matters

- Hand sanitizing will occur each time students enter a classroom.
- Our two full time COVID cleaners will continue to sanitize hard surfaces throughout the day in high traffic areas.
- Students are to bring water bottles and these can be refilled at stations around the school.
- Assemblies will continue as per 2020, with invitations extended only to parents of award winners and those students performing on stage.
- Signage will be displayed at gates reminding parents and visitors of the need to wear masks when entering the school site.

Bush Fires

- If your child has been impacted by the fires, please mention this to class teachers as we can provide support through both our school psychologist and our school chaplain.

I acknowledge how difficult the last week has been for everyone and we now look forward to getting the school year underway, seeing our students return and connecting with our community as we go forward. As further details emerge, we will continue to keep you up to date.

Yours sincerely



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Principal