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COVID-19 Restrictions Eased

We have just received information regarding the further easing of restrictions for NSW schools following consultation between the Departments of Education and Health from Monday, 8th March 2021. Some of these changes require planning and communication to our students/families so we ask that the following processes are followed until we can work through this.

Parents Entering School Grounds

1. NEW- Parents and carers are able to enter school grounds but should continue to follow COVID-safe practices, including social distancing between adults of 1.5 metres. This is anytime parents or visitors are on school grounds. Parents should not gather and catch up with each other on school grounds or wait around with their children. This needs to continue to happen outside our school gates.

OUR APPROACH- We ask that parents still pick up and drop off under the current 'at the gate' arrangements. The 'at the gate' current model has supported a smoother, safer and calmer student transition to and from school and requires planning for changes, particularly for junior students. The school continues to commit to ongoing staff presence during this drop-off and pick-up time. This change will, however, allow for more normal parent participation in school events and greater flexibility to connect with staff on a regular informal basis which we look forward to from Monday.

2. NEW- Parents and carers can attend school sporting events. School sporting events should align with requirements for community sporting competitions and training activities in NSW.

OUR APPROACH- Immediate implementation. Event management will still require COVID Safe planning which we will of course complete. If parents and visitors do not comply they will be asked to leave events.

3. NEW- There are no recommended limits on singing groups in schools, including for in-class educational activities such as repetition, chanting, recitation, or singing activities. Five metres is recommended between a group of performing singers and other people, including the audience and conductor, where practicable.

Dancing activities – including dance classes, formals and social events – can proceed, but organizers should comply with any venue restrictions.

OUR APPROACH- Immediate implementation.

NOTED: Schools should continue to complete COVID-safe plans for school events where more than 50 adults are gathering. We will put out information for specific events that parents must follow for them to attend. Information for our upcoming school cross country and events like our Easter Eggstravaganza will go out when we have a plan in place. Assemblies will be by invite to ensure we can manage the 1.5metres between people.

There are no new guidelines with sharing of food at present so our current arrangements are still in place with **no sharing of food**.

As always we are only too happy to connect with parents to talk through any questions, concerns or feedback you may wish to offer. Please do so through our school e-mail or by phone on 66721467.

Thanking you
Les Daley
Principal