



27 July 2021

## We're Going Back To School



Dear Parent and Caregivers

### Return to face-to-face teaching – Week 2 Term 3 2021

We are pleased to be able to return to face-to-face teaching on Wednesday. We are grateful to be in a state that sees South Australians working so well with authorities.

Thank you so much for working with teachers to continue delivering learning at home, in whatever way that has worked for you. I want to acknowledge how difficult it has been for some families navigating the learning of between 1 and 5 children at home, at the same time as trying to work remotely from home themselves. We genuinely appreciate and thank you for everything you have been doing. We are committed to continuing on with our weekly learning schedules as much as we possibly can to minimise the impact that COVID related matters have on curriculum. We also acknowledge the need for you to be flexible in time lines of delivery. Flexitime is the key, enabling more independent children to do something quietly, while you navigate the detailed notes from teachers to get young ones off and going.

As referred to in Andrew Linke's letter, please find Junior School information specific to the return to school tomorrow:

1. **Teaching programs** – teachers will resume a focus on face-to-face teaching Wednesday morning. If your child is sick or has been directed to isolate, **please contact Debby Scheepers at Student Services who will contact your child's class teacher**. If you are able, it will also be helpful to advise your child's class teacher personally about this matter. Please be advised that teachers scheduled to teach every lesson for the whole day, may only be able to respond to parent online queries at the end of the school day.
2. **OSHC – OSHC recommences** in the afternoon in the OSHC area. OSHC Director Georgina Lampard will advise parents of the OSHC procedure for picking up children at the external OSHC sliding door.
3. **JP Playground** – the playground on both campuses is out of bounds to children after school. Children are to go straight home or move straight to OSHC.
4. **Masks – new SA Health advice this morning** advises if you can wear a mask, then wear a mask. Andrew Linke will be writing to the whole College community about this matter.
  - o **Staff** – all staff in schools have been asked to wear masks. The exception is where a staff member is teaching or engaging with students OR when staff and students are outside. Staff will endeavour to use masks outside of these times.
  - o **Students** - Junior School students do not have to wear masks. Information for Middle and Senior School students will be provided by Andrew Linke, and Heads of Schools Jonathon Carpenter and Andrea Gear.



- **Parents and visitors** – It's now compulsory for all other adults entering the College grounds to wear a mask. Please refer to Andrew Linke's letter.
- 5. Morning Drop off**
- Parents are asked to please drop at the gate and not come in the school grounds
- 6. End of day dismissal** – as advised in Andrew Linke's letter, parents are not to come inside the school gate
- **Brooklyn Park (BP) – F-4 Trs** will accompany children to the lawn at 3:10pm. Children will be released when they see their parents outside the school gate
  - **South Plympton (SP) - F-2** classes move out to the gate on the other side of the lawn **from 2:50pm**, so all F-2 children are picked up by 3:10pm. **F-2 Parents who do not have children in older year levels are encouraged to come as early as they can during this time to assist us in staggering pick-ups and monitoring social distancing.**
- Exception to the above - In the event of rainy weather – the only time parents may enter the College grounds during pick up:**
- **BP - If it is raining**, teachers will ask children to stand under the verandah adjacent the Parent Lounge from 3:10pm. Parents will be asked to approach the verandah area and children will be released for immediate movement back to the car. When the weather front is over, we will move back to parents picking up from outside the gate. Parents are asked to please maintain social distancing.
  - **SP - If it is raining**, parents will be asked to come inside the school grounds to F-2 verandah area. Teachers will stand at the classroom doors and release students from the class as parents approach the verandah area. Mrs Dragun's class will be released from the OSCH door. When the weather front is over, classes will move back the next day to be released from the lawn area until further notice.
- **SP – Year 3-6** classes who have siblings in F-2 – children will be released at 3:05pm; all other children will be released from class as normal at 3:10pm
- 7. Combined Classes** – on hold until further notice. This includes no buddy classes or combined year level worship. We are currently looking into whether we can still hold Choir as part of our music program for Year 1-6 students.
- 8. Assemblies** - on hold until further notice.
- 9. Excursions** – on hold until further notice
- 10. LAP** – on hold until further notice
- 11. Visiting specialists** – will still be able to visit the College to offer support to students

All the best to you and your family as you continue navigating the state-wide restrictions within the community.

Kind regards,

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