

Friday 5th June - Return to School Update

We Welcome our Grades 3 – 6 Children on Tuesday 9th June

We look forward to welcoming children in Grades 3-6 on Tuesday 9th June in line with the state government's second phase for a return to onsite learning in Victorian schools.

Teachers and staff are very much looking forward to our Middle and Senior students' return.

Our staggered start and staggered dismissal processes have run smoothly the past two weeks as Foundation and Junior children returned to school but we know that we will have additional traffic flow and increased congestion issues as we welcome our Gr 3-6 children and families on 9th June.

Therefore, I appeal to all parents / carers to adhere to the staggered start and end of day pick up times and remain patient and calm as you drop off and pick up your children during these new arrangements, so we can support all children to enter and leave the school safely.

Staggered start and finish times to the day.

To reduce the congestion at gates at drop off time we are required to stagger the arrival times of families at school.

Group 1: Families with surnames starting with **A – K.**
Start time: **8.30am** **Gates will not open before this time.**
Please arrive before 8.45am to allow for next group
End of day pick up time **2.50pm**

Group 2: Families with surnames beginning with **L – Z**
Start time: **8.45am** **Entry available from 8.45am – 9.00am**
Gates will be locked at 9.00am
End of day pick up time **3.05pm**
Gates will be locked at 3.20pm

School Arrival and Departure

- There are 3 entry and departure gates for children and each will be attached to a colour.
 - Russell Street Gate – RED
 - Carpark Gate - YELLOW
 - Emergency Access Gate (near the portables) - BLUE

Morning Drop Off

Children need to be dropped off at the gate as no adults other than staff are allowed onsite at the moment. Staff will be available to help out at each gate.

Children will be moving straight inside to their classrooms from the gates.

We ask that parents move off immediately after drop off to allow the next group to arrive on time.

No adults should gather in groups outside school gates please.

No gates can be opened early and will be locked at 9.00am.

Afternoon Pick Up

Teachers will use the Dismissal information provided by parents / carers to organise children and support their departure from school.

We will organise for **siblings to be dismissed together** at their designated time – whether A-K at 2.50pm or L-Z at 3.05pm.

- MacKillop Walkers will be dismissed as usual at 3.20pm
- Out of School Hours Care will operate as usual.

Pick-Up Areas outside Blue and Yellow Carpark gates

As a safety procedure we are sectioning off a few carpark bays with bollards near the Blue and Yellow carpark gates. Children will wait to be picked up within these areas. As children are picked up other children waiting will move into the area ready to be picked up.

***IMPORTANT:* Parents are asked to remain in their cars if possible or to stand at a distance until children are brought out to the gates and to not congregate near exits.**

Please move away from the school as soon as possible once you have collected your child so that the next group of families can collect at their time. Please do not gather in groups outside the gates. No adults will be permitted into the yard. No gates can be opened early. Gates will be locked at 3.20pm.

Transitioning Back to School

While the Chief Health Officer has advised that students will not be required to maintain physical distancing at school, there will be a number of important changes to our school operations, consistent with health advice to all schools.

Please speak with your child and share some of the reasons for the changed practices that they will experience at school.

Reassure your child that we are really looking forward to their return and all precautions that we have put in place are to help keep them be as safe and healthy as possible.

Adults Onsite

Please note that at the moment we are not permitted to have other adults onsite whilst children and staff are at school.

We ask that you phone the office or email us if you have enquiries at the moment.

School phone: 97418440

School Admin email: ccschooloffice@ccwerribee.catholic.edu.au

Accounts can be paid online or by phoning the office.

If you need to visit the school for any reason we ask that you phone the office first. This includes collecting children during school hours.

We understand that some families may feel anxious about this move back to classroom teaching and learning. I can assure you that this decision has been taken on the basis of the best health advice available to our state.

All our arrangements and practices will be carefully monitored and adapted as necessary. I will ensure regular updates are communicated to all families, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support during this time. We look forward to welcoming all students back to school.

Enjoy the Long Weekend!!

Stay safe and stay well!

*With kind regards,
Linda*