



20th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Return to full-time face-to-face learning from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

APCS will be returning to full on-campus learning from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May.

- The best outcome for students is that they are back at school.
- Schools continue to be safe and operations are in line with AHPPC guidelines.
- All students are expected back at school unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence.

**If your child is unwell, do not send them to school.** If they are unwell at school you or your nominated emergency contact will need to collect them immediately. Please make sure your contact details are up to date.

If you need any support to get your child back to school, please contact the school.

**School students need to follow good hygiene practices** like:

- Regularly washing hands
- Avoid sharing drinks or food
- Coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately.
- Bringing a bottle of water to school as bubblers are not to be used.

### ***No physical distancing requirements for students***

Physical distancing of children in schools is not required by the latest AHPPC guidelines. Research has shown limited transmission risk associated with school children in the school environment.

### ***Physical distancing requirements remain for adults.***

As a Principal my responsibility to the health and safety of students, staff and parents is paramount. A number of our staff fall into the high risk categories or live with others who are in the high risk category. At APCS we are implementing physical distancing and hygiene procedures to help protect the health of the staff. One of the most important steps we can take is to **LIMIT THE NUMBER OF ADULTS ON THE SCHOOL SITE.**

**Parents and carers are not to enter the school site.** If you have business with the school please phone or email the school to discuss the matter. If you do need to come to the school please report to the administration office either on Park Road (Primary) or Buckland Street (Secondary)

### **Drop-off and pick-up procedures**

Parents and carers who bring their children to school are **not to remain on the school site.** Parents and carers can bring their children into the school ground and then must leave the school grounds immediately.

From Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020 we will be introducing changes to the finish of the school day for Primary students in K-6.

**Kindergarten will finish at 2.30pm.**

**Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) will finish at 2.45pm.**

**Stages 2 and 3 (Years 3 – 6) will finish at the usual time of 3.00pm.**

Students will be under teacher supervision and taken to the COLA at their designated pick-up time. Families with siblings who finish at different times can pick-up all children at the collection time for the eldest child.

Parents and carers are remain outside the school until the exact time that their child finishes.

### **School activities**

Teachers will continue to follow the same school curriculum with the exception of some activities that can't go ahead for now.

#### ***What students can do:***

- Engage in non-contact sporting activities
- VET work placement for Year 12 students is able to proceed from 1 June 2020. Year 10 and 11 work-placement is able to proceed from Term 3 2020.
- School based apprenticeships and traineeships can recommence once the relevant workplaces are back in operation

#### ***What students can't do:***

- School assemblies (unless for critical information)
- School incursions and excursions including camps
- Work experience
- Inter-school activities (debating, inter-school sport)
- In-school activities requiring parent or other volunteers
- Drink from a water bubbler – bring a water bottle instead
- Students cannot attend TAFE for study but may continue to learn online.

### ***Camp Australia***

The before and after school program will continue to operate

### ***The Canteen***

The canteen will operate from Monday 25th May running a limited menu of one hot meal for lunches and some snacks. It is requested that families pre-order where possible through the Flexischools website. Then canteen will run its full winter menu from Week 6 the 1st of June.

### ***P & C meetings***

Wherever possible, P&C and parent/carer/teacher meetings should be conducted virtually. Our next scheduled P & C meeting is planned for Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020. Neil Morris, President of the APCS P & C, will contact members with the details of the next P & C meeting.



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