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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

School Operations Update

I am pleased to inform that further easing of the COVID-19 Guidelines for NSW schools come into effect from today. Some of these changes require further planning and communication to our students/families, so we ask that the following information is read carefully.

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 cannot hang around and catch up with each other on school grounds or wait around with their kids.

Pick up and Drop Off from School: We ask that parents still pick up and drop off under the current arrangements. The current routines already provide access for parents and carers to come onsite and it enables a smoother, safer and calmer student transition to and from school. Importantly, the current arrangements also enable greater physical distancing in larger open spaces.

Attending Larger School Events: This change will also allow for more normal parent participation in larger school events. COVID-Safe Plans need to be developed for each school event where parents and visitors are invited onsite. As these plans are developed for each event, we will communicate these to you.

Parent-Teacher Communication: We continue to ask and remind parents and carers to either phone the school, attend the front office or email the school if they wish to meet with their child's teacher. Our teachers have several meetings before and after school each week, so negotiating an appointment time is important.

School Assemblies: Parents and carers attending assemblies will need to be by invite only to ensure we can manage the 1.5metres social distancing between people. We will notify parents and carers if they are invited.

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. 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.

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 47332200. We look forward to getting back closer to normal operations and seeing more of our parents and carers back onsite for an exciting end to the term!

Yours sincerely



Jason Clarke

Principal