



MANAGED RETURN TO SCHOOL

Return to Face to Face Learning

SOLDIERS' SETTLEMENT PUBLIC SCHOOL

Week 5, beginning 25th May, 2020



Dear Soldiers' Settlement Families,

As announced by the Premier of NSW yesterday, we are so excited to welcome our students and families back to school for full time teaching and learning beginning next week (week 5).

I have provided a detailed document below with '**need to know**' information in response to the information received from the Department of Education. Please read this document thoroughly.

Attendance:

- From next week (week 5), attendance for all students from P-6 will return to normal. Students are expected to attend school every day unless they are unwell or on leave. Normal procedures for roll marking and absences will apply. Parents/carers must notify the school office if your child(ren) will be absent and provide a reason.
- If you believe that your child's medical condition prevents him/her from returning to school, please make an appointment to speak with me over the telephone to discuss.
- Learning from home programs will no longer be provided. From next week, teachers will be teaching their regular face to face classroom teaching and learning programs full time.

Physical and social distancing:

- Students will be regularly reminded about physical and social distancing. Please continue to discuss this with your child(ren).
- Regular student numbers will be in classrooms – ranging from 20-30 students per class.
- Lunch and recess breaks will be staggered and organised to cater for larger groups of students to spread out.
- Assemblies, extracurricular activities, incursions and excursions will be cancelled until further notice.

School office:

- Students and staff should remain at home if unwell and should seek medical advice if required.
- Regular, frequent handwashing will continue throughout the day including:-
 - Before entering classrooms
 - After toilet visits
 - Before and after eating
 - After playtime
 - After specific activities
- Bubblers are not in use. All students should bring their own drink bottle.
- Extra cleaning of the toilets and high touch surfaces (such as door handles, handrails etc.) will continue to take place throughout the day.

Uniform Shop:

- The Uniform shop will be open on Tuesday mornings from 9.00 – 9.30am. Please enter via Lawson Street gate. **There is no entry for parents/adults to the main school grounds from this entry point.**

Canteen and student lunches:

- The canteen will be closed during week 5. James from the canteen has informed me that he hopes to reopen in week 6. I will keep you updated with any information.
- Please ensure that your child brings their lunch and a labelled water bottle from home.

Drink bottles

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, our bubblers are currently out of use. Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school every day labelled clearly with their name.



Access to the school

The DET guidelines currently state that all non-essential parents/adults/visitors to the school site is discouraged at this time. Parents/carers should only access the school when there is a genuine need to do so e.g. handing in enrolment papers or picking up children early etc. Parents/carers can telephone the school office between 8.30am and 3.15pm or email the school office for enquiries.

The current arrangements for morning drop off and afternoon pick up is working really well. Thank you so much to our parents/carers for ensuring that social distancing protocols are followed during morning drop off and afternoon collection. It is greatly appreciated.

Please note that all Drop off and collection areas are a Kids only zone!



Morning Drop off points – 8.30am – 9.10am

FINUCANE RESERVE

MENIN ROAD RAMP GATE

LAWSON STREET

PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR PARK EITHER SIDE OF FINUCANE CRESCENT

- Please arrive between **8.30am and 9.10am** to avoid congestion at the gates.
- **Say goodbye at the signposted kiss and drop areas.** A member of staff will be available to assist students who are a little anxious or need to put away a bike or scooter.
- A member of staff will be posted at each of the gates to greet you and your child.
- Parents/carers are asked not to linger and to leave quickly.
- Please observe social and physical distancing requirements of remaining 1.5m away from other people.
- Arrivals after 9.10am should be via the main Menin Road gate only.
- Parents/carers are asked to drop children at the office if they arrive after 9.10am. Please leave the school grounds as soon as possible.
- Students who arrive after 9.10am will be marked as a late arrival.
- Staff carpark gates will be locked at 8.25am. **Please do not enter the school through the carpark.**

Afternoon collection area – 2.50pm – 3.10pm

To avoid congestion in the afternoon we ask families to arrive **between 2.50pm and 3.10pm** to the designated collection points relevant to your child's grade.

Kindergarten – Year 2 students

COLLECTION POINT – MENIN ROAD CAR PARK

PLEASE FOLLOW THE SIGNS AND BOLLARDS FOR SAFETY

- We encourage parents/carers to park in the surrounding streets close to Menin Road to avoid congestion along Menin Road.
- Arrive between 2.50pm and 3.10pm to avoid congestion.
- Students will wait in their class groups and teachers will dismiss students when parents are identified.
- Please wait in the signposted, designated waiting area and avoid blocking the footpath or gathering with other adults. To ensure your safety and the safety of others, please do not wait on the road.
- Please observe social and physical distancing requirements of remaining 1.5m away from other people.
- Please collect your child when called by the classroom teacher and leave quickly.

Year's 3 – 6 students - including K-2 siblings

COLLECTION POINT FINUCANE CRESCENT

FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE INTO OR PARK ON FINUCANE CRESCENT

PLEASE PARK ON MENIN ROAD CLOSEST TO FINUCANE CRESCENT

- We encourage parents/carers to park in the surrounding streets to avoid congestion along Menin Road. For pedestrian safety, please do not drive into or park in FINUCANE CRESCENT.
- Arrive between 2.50pm and 3.10pm to avoid congestion.
- Students will wait in their class groups and teachers will dismiss students when parents are identified.
- Please observe social and physical distancing requirements of remaining 1.5m away from other people.
- Please collect your child when called by the classroom teacher and leave quickly.

Week 5 Morning Drop off and afternoon collection



Parking

- Please use the surrounding streets for parking closest to your drop off point.
- Please do not drive into or park in Finucane Cres.
- Adhere to road safety rules.

Morning Student drop off points 8:30am – 9:10am



Afternoon Student collection area 2:50pm – 3:10pm



We are doing everything we can to ensure that the school remains as safe as possible at all times, but we need your assistance to do this. Please follow the guidelines above regarding drop off and collection to ensure the safety of everyone. We also ask that you are patient and kind to our staff and each other during this time of transition back to full time school. There may be some speedbumps next week as we transition back into our **'new normal'** and the arrangements may change as we feel necessary. I will endeavour to communicate any changes to you with immediacy as they are presented to me.

Thank you again for your strong support and kindness throughout the COVID-19 situation. The staff and I are so lucky to work in a community that has shown such kindness and strength of spirit and support.

We cannot wait to see you all next week!

Best wishes to you all.

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