



Saturday 10th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may have heard in the news, The Department of Education has experienced a serious cyberattack. This has significantly impacted teacher preparation for remote learning as staff have been unable to access the information and resources required for several days. The Department assures us that access will be restored for the beginning of term and remote learning.

Teachers are preparing a single unit of work for each stage group as follows:

- Early Stage 1 – Kindergarten
- Stage 1 – Year 1 and Year 2 (including students from K/1P)
- Stage 2 – Year 3 and Year 4 (including students from 4/5I)
- Stage 3 – Year 5 and Year 6 (including students from 4/5I)

Staff will email passwords to parents of students in Years 3 to 6 as soon as access has been restored to our system. Please bear with us.

We are doing our very best to have learning packs ready for collection on Monday 12th July between 2.00pm and 4.00pm and Tuesday 13th July between 8.30am and 10.30am from the front of the school. Please do not exit your vehicle. Learning packs will be available from the school website on the *Learning From Home* tab and on Google Classroom (Years 3 to 6 only). An SMS and SkoolBag notification will be sent on Monday to confirm the school's readiness.

Other Information for Week 1

- Monday 12th July is a designated Staff Development Day and pupil-free.
- The school remains open for the students of families that need it, although families are encouraged to keep their children at home.
- Minimum staff will be on-site to oversee one unit of learning for students attending school site, please note that flexible syllabus requirements are in place. Flexible working arrangements are in place for staff.
- Student attendance will be marked as 'flexible' for those students who engage in *Learning From Home*. Students who do not show evidence of engaging in *Learning From Home* will be marked as having unjustified absences as per NSW Department of Education guidelines.
- Non-essential visitors are not permitted on school sites.
- Parents and carers must drop off and collect students from outside the school gates. Please adhere to physical distancing requirements and avoid gathering outside the school gates.
- Parents who enter the school grounds (to collect unwell children or uniforms) must adhere to mask-wearing requirements and sign in using the Service NSW QR code. These are located at each entry point of the school.
 - Parents and carers who do not have access to electronic devices for the purposes of QR check in can:
 - authorise another person to provide their contact details on their behalf
 - provide their details to the school to be recorded in an appropriate manner for provision to NSW Health should it be required.

- Enhanced cleaning and hygiene supply arrangements will continue.
- The canteen is closed.
- Uniform orders can be placed by contacting the office staff on 4295 1924.
- The *Djamalang* parent session is cancelled.
- Scripture is cancelled.
- *Park and Play* is cancelled.
- Southern Stars rehearsals are postponed.
- Staff will contact families during the week to check how your child/ren (and you) are coping with learning from home.

Any student with any symptom, or who is feeling unwell, should not attend school and should take a COVID test immediately. Anyone who has been off sick from school will be required to return a negative COVID test before being permitted to return to school. Students who have attended any venue of concern identified by NSW Health should follow NSW Health advice.

Students who present unwell at school with flu like symptoms will have their parents or carers contacted to collect them. They will need to return a negative COVID test before being permitted to return to school.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you require assistance with remote learning.

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