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Return to School Arrangements – Term 2 Week 5 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so happy to be welcoming all our students back to school next Monday!

Please read carefully the information listed below. It is in reference to students return to school from Monday Wk 5 and was released by the NSW Department of Education, on Tuesday 19th May 2020.

As of Monday 25th May 2020, all schools will return to full time face to face campus learning. All school activities and operations will be in line with the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (**AHPPC**) and the NSW Health guidelines, as applicable.

School students do not need to follow physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices including:

- regularly washing hands
- avoiding sharing drinks or food
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow or a tissue, which should be discarded immediately

Students can attend the school library and engage in non-contact sporting activities. Students cannot engage in whole school assemblies, incursions/excursions, interschool activities (such as debating and interschool sports), interschool activities requiring parents/volunteers and drink from a water bubbler – **please ensure your child has their own labelled drink bottle daily.**

School Attendance/Absences:

All students should return to school as of Monday 25th May 2020 unless:

- They have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition.
- they are currently unwell.

Students who have a medical certificate to stay at home, due to an ongoing medical condition, will be supported to learn from home in line with regular procedures. **These regular procedures will be different to what we previously offered, during the recent learning from home period.**

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 a student is absent without a medical certificate for more than three days, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and will be followed up by the school. If you need any support to transition your child back to school, please contact the office.

Pick Up and Drop Off Arrangements:

There should be no visitors to our school site, unless they are essential. Pick up and drop off arrangements remain the same. Only the Wandella Road and Sylva Avenue pedestrian entrances will be open for students to enter the school. We encourage parents/carers to drop their children to school as close to 9am, as possible.

We kindly ask parents/carers to “kiss and drop” their children at the gate in the mornings and not enter the school premises. K-2 and the Support Unit will be supervised before school on the K-2 playground and 3-6 students will be supervised on the 3-6 playground.

The school gates will be locked until 3:05 pm each day. We kindly ask for 3-6 parents to wait near the silver seats area and Wandella Road fence on the 3-6 playground, socially distancing from other parents at all times please.

K-2 parents are asked to wait and socially distance from other adults on the K-2 grassed area and Support Unit parents to wait outside the courtyard area. Teachers will dismiss students in an orderly manner to these areas. Students can walk to either playground to meet siblings, if needed.

We do ask that once you have collected your child, you leave the school grounds immediately. To follow social distancing procedures, put in place by the Department of Education, we ask that any teacher enquiries be made via phone or ClassDojo. If you need to speak to your child's teacher, please phone the office to leave a message and the teacher will return your call.

Reporting and Assessment:

our child has been assessed during the learning from home period and will receive additional assessment on their return to school.

You will receive your child's Semester 1 report before the end of August (Term 3 Week 6). This will be a simplified version of the report you normally receive. Information regarding this report format and over the phone parent/teacher interviews will be communicated later this term.

School Cleaning and Hygiene Supplies:

Our school has received additional cleaning in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. Targeted areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, light switches and handrails in stairways. There will also be additional cleaning of toilets and bubblers and topping up supplies like soap.

If you have any questions regarding your child's return to school please contact the school office on 9524 4631.

Finally, the staff at Miranda Public School would like to say thank you to all our families. We are incredibly appreciative for the continued support and understanding shown by our parent community during these unprecedented times in education.

Stay safe,

Narelle Chaplin
Relieving Principal

