

10th June 2021.

Latest Communication Update.

Dear Parents and Carers,

The good news, as I advised yesterday, is that we are all back tomorrow. I have no doubt the children and their parents are excited as are our teachers.

- Given the guidelines outlined for all Victorian schools the following information is quite clear. Parent helpers are on hold at the moment. We sincerely hope we can begin this again soon as it was lovely to see so many of our parents assisting.
- No on-site tours are permitted. Our virtual tour can be found on our website: www.overport-ps.vic.edu.au
- Instrumental music lessons cannot take place until further advice; neither can excursions or incursions.
- We are to continue to reinforce COVID safe behaviour. Therefore, masks as are required to be worn outside and inside by all adults. Teachers are not required to wear masks when direct teaching. Primary aged students are not required to wear masks. Students will be required to hand sanitize on arrival and after recess breaks.
- Parents of students in years 3 to 6 please say goodbye at the gates. Parents of Prep to 2 may walk their child/ren to the classroom doorway but are not permitted inside. Please remain at an appropriate social distance from doorways. Doors will open at 8.50 am for the children to enter, as has become our usual practice.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Kind Regards,

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For your information from the “Victorian Schools Operation Guidelines”:

- **Based on advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, schools in metropolitan Melbourne will return to face-to-face learning and teaching for all students from and including Friday 11 June 2021.**
- Students and school staff in **all government schools** across Victoria can attend for duty at their school in accordance with normal arrangements from and including Friday 11 June.
- Out of School Hours care programs operating in schools can also resume full operations from and including Friday 11 June.
- **Camps and overnight stays** can take place within regional Victoria or metropolitan Melbourne, providing the camping venue is limited to use by a single school only.
- **Outdoor education** including excursions and overnight stays, for the purpose of outdoor education are permitted. Programs should only operate for staff and student from single schools.
- **Excursions** are not permitted at this time (unless otherwise specified in this guide)
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- **Interschool activities** are not permitted at this time (unless otherwise specified in this guide)
- **Playgrounds** remain open for school use and can be made available for community use out of school hours.
- **Drinking fountains** can remain open.
- **Community groups** can use school facilities when the use complies with permitted activity in the community.
- **School tours** should not be conducted on-site for prospective students and their families at this time.
- **Non-essential visitors** should be excluded from school sites for this period.
- **Non-essential meetings, gatherings and assemblies** should be deferred or held remotely.
- **School events** subject to the Public Event's Framework are suspended, unless permitted via the PEF approval pathway, including school open days.

Reinforce COVIDSafe behaviours*	Create COVIDSafe spaces	Promote COVIDSafe activities	Respond to COVID-19 risk*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay home when unwell and get tested* • Practise good hygiene* • Ensure physical distancing (1.5m) * • Wear a face mask* • Avoid interactions in enclosed spaces* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make hand hygiene easy • Keep surfaces clean and implement regular environmental cleaning. • Promote outdoor air ventilation and do not have air conditioners on recirculate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move activities outdoors where possible, weather permitting • Adapt, modify, or defer higher-risk activities • Limit school access to essential visitors only • Reduce mixing between groups • Create workforce bubbles* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep records and act quickly if someone becomes unwell* • Use personal protective equipment where indicated • Clean and disinfect appropriately if a staff member or student has been unwell at school • Manage individual risk

*These items denote Victorian Government [COVIDSafe principles for business](#) and may require adaptation for the school context