

27th January, 2021.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to 2021 –

No doubt, like us, you are all hoping this will be a smooth year! We trust that you have had a lovely Christmas and holiday season.

We are sure the students (and our parents, of course!) are all looking forward to getting back to school and seeing their friends and their new teachers. So here are just a few reminders before we welcome the children tomorrow.

Due to continued COVID safety arrangements, parents are not permitted into the buildings. Therefore, the drop off and pick up arrangements are as follows.

- There will still be no lining up and classroom doors will open at 8.50 am. Teaching will commence at 9.00 am.
- Students from years 3 to 6 must be dropped outside the school gates and come into the school grounds independently.
- Students from years 1 & 2 may be dropped at the classroom doorways near the signage and come inside. Parents must leave the grounds as soon as practicable.
- New preps can be dropped off at the classroom doorways near the signage from between 9.50am to 10.10 am. All children must be in the classroom by 10.10 am. **PLEASE NOTE:** No parents will be permitted into the classrooms due to COVID safety arrangements. The prep team will have support from extra teaching staff and leadership to help students come in and settle to an activity and alleviate any anxieties that our new preppies may feel. Please discuss this with your child so that they are well prepared and aware that they will need to say goodbye at the door. Reassure them that we will take good care of them. There will be a board at the front of each classroom indicating which transition group and room your child is in. Please be patient and ensure social distancing.
- New Students from years 1 to 6: For all new students to the school other than preps: Parents and students are asked to arrive by 8.45 am and to wait on the grass area to the east of the Administration (office) building (between the Towerhill Learning Centre and Admin). Staff will meet you and take you to the classroom doors where your child can then go inside.
- Pick up arrangements Years 1 & 2: Please arrange a meeting place that is not near the classroom doorways within the grounds.
- Pick up arrangements Years 3 -6: Please arrange a meeting place outside of the school grounds for years 3-6 for pick at 3.30 pm. Note if you are picking up children from both junior and senior classes, meeting in the grounds is fine.
- Pick up arrangements for Preps: Preps are to be collected from the same doorways that they entered in the morning. Parents are to stand back and socially distance. Children will

be released one at a time once a parent or carer has been sighted. Again please be patient and ensure social distancing.

Note our first Curriculum Day (Student Free) will be held on 19th February. Teachers will be undertaking professional development reviewing the Real Schools Program and Restorative Practices. Extend will operate that day. Please contact them if you wish to book your child in.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday, 10th February for year 1 -3 and Thursday, 11th February for years 4-6. These can be either in person, remotely on-line or via phone call. However, it will be assumed these will be face to face, unless you email the teacher with other arrangements. Please book on line through the following link: <https://sentral.overport-ps.vic.edu.au/portal2/#!/login>

Parent teacher communications: If at any other time you need to discuss anything with your child/ren's class teacher/s, please email them requesting a phone call to discuss or arrange a meeting.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding of the requirements as move into the New Year and ensure continued safety and effective communication for all.

Kind Regards,

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