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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As you would be aware, some restrictions have been lifted in the past few days. There are a few small changes for us for next term, however many of our protocols will remain the same.

Changes:

- **ALL STUDENTS COLLECTED AT 3PM NOW – the 2.50pm pick up for K-2 has finished – the process however remains the same – parents must wait on the front grass closer to the fence (or outside at other exits) and children will walk to their parents at 3.00pm.**
- 2021 Kinder students and 1 parent will be allowed on site for an individual “meet and greet” with their teacher for a mini transition;
- Year 7 transition to high school in Term 4 after 12 November;
- Opportunity class testings for 2021 - rescheduled to 18 November 2020;
- Interschool activities can now take place (Certain large arts and sports events are cancelled or delayed because they require feeder activities and have long lead time organisational arrangements);
- Students may attend other schools for essential curriculum-related reasons or placements (e.g. auditions or placement tests).
- Singing and other chanting activities can take place as a solo or in a small group as long as participants are 5 metres away from other people and 1.5 metres away from one another. Groups of up to 5 people can include students from different year groups.

What remains the same – updated from the NSW Department of Education guidelines – 24/09/2020:

- **Parents and carers and other non-essential visitors are not allowed on the school site** unless for educational purposes;
- Where possible, students will stay within their relevant cohort group (i.e. class, year group, or stage) for all learning activities within their school in order to limit close contacts to the relevant student cohort;
- School assemblies must be limited to 15 minutes with no external visitors;
- Only providers that are essential to the delivery of curriculum can continue to provide services and programs until further notice;
- P&C meetings and events must be on-line only;
- Parent/teacher meetings will be online/phone unless involving serious matters that require face to face discussion;
- School formals, dances, graduation or other social events are permitted provided they meet strict COVID-19 Safety requirements;

- School sporting events and activities held within the school site during school hours must not involve spectators including parents and carers. The only exception is when there is an explicit request from the school to support the delivery of curriculum;
- Physical distancing of students in schools is not required under the AHPPC guidelines;
- All teachers, support staff and parents must maintain physical distance from each other (1.5m);
- Parents should ensure school pick up and drop off arrangements enable them to physically distance from one another and from staff;
- Primary schools can plan for Year 6 formals or farewells and graduations provided they occur in a COVID-safe way.
- Canteens and uniform shops can open at the principal's discretion – our canteen will remain open – the uniform shop will remain closed until further notice;

Activities on hold:

The following events will continue to be reconsidered in Term 4. For now, these events must remain on hold.

- Interstate excursions
- International excursions (cancelled until further notice)
- Face-to-face professional learning for staff
- Parent and carer attendance at assemblies and other school events
- School-based activities that involve large gathering of adults. These include parent/community gatherings such as parent functions, working bees, fundraisers, school barbecues, large parent information evenings and large on-site cultural events.

Students who are sick:

Students who are sick or exhibiting any flu like symptoms should not attend school. If students are sent home from school because they have flu like symptoms – they will need a negative COVID test result to return to school. Should you not wish your child to have a COVID test – they will need to stay away from school for a period of 10 days – they may return after this period only if they have been symptom free for 3 days.

Parents should email the negative result to the school email address:

clairgate-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Thank you for your continued support. Enjoy the holidays.

Michelle Lawrow

Principal