



ANSON STREET SCHOOL

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COVID-19 Update 9

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a wonderful start back to full-time schooling this week and have also had our school showcased on Prime7 news. Below I have outlined information about term 2 and I will keep you updated on Facebook and the school's website if anything changes in the coming weeks.

If you would like your child to continue learning from home, you will now need to produce a medical certificate as it is deemed safe to send children to school. Once I have received the medical certificate, students will be supported to continue to learn from home. Most children returned to their class this week and enjoyed seeing their friends and returning to familiar routines.

Please remember that personal devices such as iPads and laptops should not be brought to school. Our Mobile Devices' policy is in place where students will be asked to put their mobile phones away or lock them in the store room for safe keeping. If students are unwilling to comply with this expectation, you will be called to collect the phone. Any devices loaned to students by the school should now be returned.

Transport – students who need mobility support and who are transported to school through Assisted School Travel will access the Anson Street entry for drop off in the mornings and pick up in the afternoon. All other student drop off and pick up will be at the Lords Place transport area.

At this stage parents and carers are not to walk onsite to pick up their child. All adults are asked to remain in their car and staff will assist your child into and out of the car. Wet weather arrangements remain the same with all cars directed to Anson Street front transport if it is raining.

What we can't do yet – There will be no assemblies and the gym, zone and spa are still out of action. We will not be running whole school sport or having any excursions or Breakaways. There is to be no sharing of food or drinks, however class cooking is permitted under strict hygiene conditions. Gloves as per normal use are always worn.

Sport – physical activity is to be organised by the class teacher during sport allocated time until further notice. Sport will be organised anytime on the Wednesday to spread the students and staff around various areas. Students are to wear their light blue sport's shirt on Wednesdays.

Who can be on site? – Department of Education itinerant staff and Allied Health (including NDIS providers)

Who can't be on site? – volunteers



Education



Connect and belong: be your best self

Be curious: explore and cultivate wisdom

Foster a growth mindset: be willing to do things differently

RESPECTFUL

RESPONSIBLE

SAFE

Illness – if your child is sick please keep them at home. If you or your child is being tested for COVID19, please let me know by phoning the school or sending an email.

An interim report for semester one will be sent out in the first week of Term 3.

We are using three playground areas – the back oval, junior playground and campus site with cleaning of playground equipment taking place after each break. Enhanced cleaning continues and staff will wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as masks, gloves, aprons and safety glasses as needed.

What's happening around the school?

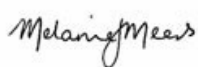
- Front electronic gates finalised and operational.
- Electronic sign will be installed soon at the front of the school.
- A range of new shade sails have been installed on the main and campus site.
- New physio outdoor area being constructed by the general assistants on the back oval.
- 3D printer, virtual reality and robotic kits have been purchased for use in the classrooms.
- Outdoor learning space planned for the campus site as well as new fenced area for play and grassed areas for seating.
- Upgrades of three bathrooms and two kitchens will take place throughout the year.
- Blinds and tinted windows for many classrooms.
- Additional KIA Carnival has been leased to help transport students to appointments etc.
- Two classrooms and the staffroom ceiling were recently painted.
- The Workroom has been finished and ready to be used for woodwork and pottery (and the occasional science experiment).
- Eye-gaze technology will be purchased soon and used in a few classes to help students who have limited communication.
- The hall will soon be fitted with an electronic screen and projector with an integrated sound system. We have also installed dark blinds for use when we hold discos.

I would like to thank our wonderful cleaners who are doing an amazing job throughout the school to ensure that it is sparkling clean and of a high hygiene standard. The extra hours they are putting in is a credit to them and we appreciate the ongoing work they do.

Also, the General and Farm Assistants have worked tirelessly throughout this period to ensure that jobs are completed and the school was ready for the students' return this week. A big thank you to the team.

I am grateful to everyone in our school community for the patience you have shown in working with our amazing staff through a very unusual and difficult time in our history. Keep up the social distancing and hand hygiene so that we can continue to keep numbers low across our great country.

Kind regards



Melanie Meers, Principal
27th May 2020

