

Dear Parents/Carers,

Term 3 has been a challenging term for all of us and we would like to thank all of our families for your support and our students for their dedication, hard work and resilience.

Term 4 will bring about many more changes, not only to learning but also as our building project continues to progress. Please find below an outline regarding the start of Term 4. More specific information will follow once we receive further advice from the Department and recommendations from the Chief Health Officer.

5th – 9th October (first week of Term 4)

Remote learning will continue for the first week of Term 4, following the two weeks of holidays for all students (Years Prep-6).

Week beginning 12th October (week 2 of Term 4)

All students in Years Prep to 2 will return to full-time on-site schooling. We are very excited for the return of our Junior students. Our new Learning Centre is now complete and our Prep-2 students will begin the term in their new rooms. Closer to the return of students, we will provide information regarding pickup/drop off times and locations as well as a map of our new Learning Centre and the location of all classes. We understand that many children will be excited about the return to school and a new room whilst others will be anxious. We have a variety of plans in place to prepare students and to welcome them back, including videos from their teachers of their new rooms once they have been set up.

Students in Years 3-6 will continue with remote learning until further notice. A date for the return of these year levels to on-site learning will be subject to further health advice.

On-site Attendance for students in year levels still learning remotely

From week 1 (5th October), we will continue to provide an on-site attendance program for students of families who meet the criteria below. The first week will be for students in Prep-6. After our Junior students return to on-site learning in week 2, onsite attendance will be available for students in Year 3-6.

For families who meet the criteria, the same processes will be in place. An attendance request form will be posted to Compass each week that must be completed by 10am Thursday the week prior. The request form for the first week of term will be posted to Compass in the second week of the holidays.

There has been no change to the current criteria for on-site attendance:

- Children whose parents and carers are permitted workers who cannot work from home and where no other arrangements can be made.
 - Where there are two parents/ carers, both must be permitted workers, working outside the home in order for their children to be eligible for on-site provision. A copy of both work permits must be provided to the school prior to the students attending on-site.
 - For single parents/ carers, the permitted worker must be working outside the home in order for their children to be eligible for on-site provision. A copy of the work permit must be provided to the school prior to the students attending on-site.
- Vulnerable children, including:
 - children in out-of-home care

- children deemed vulnerable by a government agency, funded family or family violence service, and is assessed as requiring education and care outside the family home;
- children identified by a school as vulnerable, (including via referral from a government agency, or funded family or family violence service, homeless or youth justice service or mental health or other health service);
- children with a disability and the family is experiencing severe stress.

We would like to wish all of our families a safe and relaxing break and look forward to hopefully seeing all of our students return during Term 4.

Kind regards,

Ken Jones