



Tuesday 12 May 2020



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

- Thank you everyone for your support with our student rostered 'phase in' this week. Monday and Tuesday have gone as smoothly as we could have hoped and we look forward to welcoming Polding tomorrow and Chisholm on Thursday.
- As we progress through this week, we are closely considering our timing and extent for our next steps of phase-in. I will seek to provide this information in a timely way for parents and will be in touch as soon as possible. In the meantime, we will continue with 1 x day per week for Week 4 (next week) with the same rostered days we have had so far. By Week 5 we will be extending attendance, however we are still making some decisions as to what extent. Please stay tuned.
- We absolutely respect that a growing number of parents need to return to work, and as such, a growing number of students are attending on their non-rostered days for supervision. For this reason, we are factoring this as part of our evaluation procedures. The school is still mandated to provide Home-Based Learning, rostered attendance and growing numbers of supervision. For the next week and a half, parents who do have options to keep children at home on non-rostered days (even some of those) are asked to please consider this. As mentioned, I will be announcing next steps from Week 5 very soon, but in the meantime, any support during this build-up is really appreciated by the staff and myself.
- Some grade teachers have communicated directly to parents about sports uniform for the children's rostered days. This has not been across all grades as I have left this choice to teachers. If there has been no communication about this, please assume school uniform, rather than sport should be worn.
- As mentioned last week, we are now into a phase-in towards school Winter uniform. A couple of years ago, boys were given the option to be in either shorts or long trousers. (This wasn't updated on the uniform policy but is being adjusted now).
- When attending on rostered days this week and next, children will be able to borrow from the library. Children are asked to bring their library bags and books on their rostered day.
- A reminder, when using afternoon 'Drive-Through', this commences at **3pm** (to enable us to have students ready). Please assist staff and your children by having your children's surname clearly visible from the passenger visor.
- Thank you for the amazing feedback from last Friday morning's online Mother's Day Liturgy. It was an ambitious exercise, but one that went really smoothly. I feel blessed to be part of a community that so strongly values our closeness, even when physically apart.
- Special mention to the following who all contributed to such a lovely morning: Laura Wales, Fr Pawel, Maria Kennedy, Sharon Campbell, Jenny Morris, Danni Fenton and our choir. Special thanks also to the Clegg family, the Weisbaum family, Peta Quinn for her inspirational message, the Bridger family and the Jamieson family who all contributed from home.
- Also, thanks to the many families who sent video tributes, some were used during the Liturgy, while others were part of a longer tribute. If you haven't seen the liturgy or tribute yet, please feel free to watch the recorded versions by [clicking here on our special page.](#)
- Recently appointed Interim Director of Schools, Danny Casey, would like to take the opportunity to introduce himself and provide an update on the plans to return to full face to face teaching in our schools via this video. <https://vimeo.com/416178422>

God bless you and your families

Robert Peers