

14 May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited by the return of students to school – it’s just not the same without them! As we work through the staged return of students, maintaining a safe site will be our priority, and we will need your help to achieve this. We have planned modifications to drop off and pick up procedures and will make changes to these if needed.

Drop offs and pick-ups

- Please remember to give each other space – physical distancing is still essential
- We have identified entry and exit gates – please follow the signage and use the correct ones
- If you don’t need to enter the school site, please don’t (we didn’t think we’d ever say that!)
- We respectfully request that parents do not enter buildings – students will be collected by staff and handed over to parents outside buildings
- Specific details (locations) will be provided for P-2 parents later today
- Specific details for years 3/4 and 5/6 will be provided just before their scheduled returns

Staged return of Students

Year Levels	Week	Date
P, K, 1, 2, 7, all students registered at a Safe and Supported Site*	4	18 May
3, 4, 10	5	25 May
5, 6, 8, 9	6	2 June

* Students registered for Safe and Supervised Sites will return to their usual schools, irrespective of their year level, where they will be supervised to engage in remote learning until their respective year level returns to face-to-face learning.

Cleaning

We have implemented additional cleaning of the school throughout the day, including cleaning of playground equipment.

Illness

Given current circumstances, we are asking parents to err on the side of caution in relation to sending children who are feeling unwell or showing any cold/flu like symptoms to school. If your child is showing any cold/flu like symptoms, please keep them home. If students present to the school with cold/flu like symptoms we will be seeking your assistance to collect them from school as quickly as possible.

Learning

While we expect most students to return to learning at school, there are some students who will still need to access remote online learning. To achieve this, teachers will be implementing blended learning in an effort to cater for all students. Please send your child’s device to school with them to support this and don’t be concerned if learning looks different to how it was pre-COVID-19.

Reporting

Many parents have asked questions about reporting. Rest assured that teachers have structured their online learning to enable them to gather assessment data for their students to inform reporting. We will let you know what form the reporting will take in the next few weeks.

Canteen

I can confirm at this stage that the Canteen will only be operating on Wednesday's, Thursday's and Friday's for **online orders only**. We will not be open for over the counter sales in May at this stage, if this should change, we will notify you asap.

Learning from Home

If your child/children will be continuing to learn from home please let us know via info.harrison@ed.act.edu.au and we will inform the class teacher. Please note that students are still required to log in as they have been doing to enable us to record their attendance. If for any reason they are unable to log in or are sick please email Harrison.absences@ed.act.edu.au.

For children learning at home, teachers will still be connecting with them regularly and providing learning activities. This may be different to what they've experienced over the first three weeks of term but the concepts of connecting and supporting learning will remain the same. Here are a couple of sites to access additional learning resources if you are feeling your child/children need a little more:

<https://sites.google.com/ed.act.edu.au/act-home-learning/resources-to-support-home-learning>

<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/learning-at-home/learning-resources-by-year-level>

Students of siblings who wish to return to school

The return to school for students has been staged to help schools manage this safely. We ask that you continue to support us by keeping your children home until their scheduled return. We understand this may cause difficulty and if you are unable to maintain this or organise alternative arrangements for your child, then they can attend school. However, please be aware that they will continue their remote online learning at school with teacher supervision until their cohort returns to school.

OSHClub

Will be running before and after school care as normal. Please contact OSHClub if you have queries about the service. You can find information and their contact details on their [website](#).

Kind Regards,

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