

# St. Albans Primary School

20<sup>th</sup> May, 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support during these past few weeks of remote and flexible learning.

Following advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government has advised that schools can begin a staged return to on-site schooling.

In the **first stage**, students in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2, will return to school from Tuesday 26 May.

To support all school staff to prepare for this transition, Monday 25 May will be a pupil-free day.

In the **second stage** of our return to on-site schooling, all other year levels will return to school from Tuesday 9 June. For those students who cannot be supervised at home and vulnerable children, the existing model of on-site schooling will remain in place during the two-week period from Tuesday 26 May to Tuesday 9 June. The current process that we are using to enable parents and carers to indicate the days or part-days for which on-site schooling is required will continue for this two-week period.

All other students in these grades and year levels will continue learning from home until Tuesday 9 June.

Once a year level has returned, all students will be expected to attend school as normal. This means if you choose to keep your child/children home after their year level has returned to onsite schooling, we can no longer support their learning from home.

This same approach is being taken by all government schools in Victoria.

To support the health and wellbeing of all our students and staff, our school will continue an enhanced cleaning routine and will encourage frequent hand washing.

**If you child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice.**

While the Victorian Chief Health Officer has advised that students will not be required to maintain physical distancing at school, there will be a number of important changes to our school operations, consistent with health advice. This will apply until further notice.

## Stage 1 – Prep & Grade 1/2 - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May

	Start Time	Finish Time	Entry & Exit Gate
Prep	8:50am	2:50pm	Kate Street & West Esplanade
Grade 1/2	9:00am	3:00pm	Kate Street & West Esplanade

**Stage 2 – Grade 3/4 Grade 5/6 – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

	Start Time	Finish Time	Entry & Exit Gate
Grade 3/4	9:10am	3:10pm	TBA
Grade 5/6	9:20am	3:20pm	TBA

**Food**

All children will need to bring a water bottle to school as drinking from water fountains is not permitted.

It is advisable for all children to bring their lunch with them in the morning. Food is not to be shared. The canteen will be open for lunch orders only on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**Staggered Start**

Parents will need to leave their child/children at the school gate. Staff will be there to sanitize their hands on arrival at school.

Parents/carers must obey social distancing rules at drop off and pick up times, there will be spots on the ground outside the gates 1.5m apart.

During the school day, there will be staggered recess and lunch breaks to minimise the number of students and staff in the playgrounds. Play areas will be restricted and play grounds will be wiped down after each break.

**Classrooms**


There will be extra ongoing cleaning throughout the school day as well as the regular after hours cleaning. Hand sanitiser, disinfectant wipes, gloves and tissues will be available for all students and staff to use.

Those families that have borrowed technology from the school, need to send it to school each day with their child until further notice.

Any books, materials and resources need to be bought to school on their first day of onsite learning. All children will have their own pencils, scissors, glue stick etc, there will be no sharing of resources.

Thank you for your continued support and patience during this time. We look forward to welcoming our students back to the classroom.

Yours sincerely,



**JOANNE RICHMOND**  
**PRINCIPAL**