

St. Albans Primary School

15th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

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

To support the health and wellbeing of all our students and staff, our school will implement a range of COVID safe measure. This includes

- staggered starts and finishes for students, the times are outlined below
- no visitors onsite
- no assemblies, events or gatherings,
- all staff and parents must wear a face mask
- frequent hand washing and good hygiene practices.

Any child who is showing symptoms of illness will be sent home and must be collected from school immediately. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

If your child is ill, is feeling unwell or has break through hay fever symptoms, they must not attend school. They must remain home until they are well. If any member of your family has symptoms of COVID-19 they must get tested and stay home until you get the results and all symptoms are gone.

The Victorian Chief Health Officer strongly recommends children under 12 years of age and students at primary school wear face masks when at school. Due to this we are encouraging all students at school to wear a mask. 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.

Year level	Start Time	Finish Time	Entry & Exit Gate
Prep	8:40am	2:50pm	Kate Street & West Esplanade
Grade 1/2	8:50am	3:00pm	Kate Street & West Esplanade
Grade 3/4	9:00am	3:10pm	Kate Street & West Esplanade
Grade 5/6	9:10am	3:20pm	Kate Street & West Esplanade

Food

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 and Break Times

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.

During the school day, there will be staggered recess and lunch breaks to minimise the number of students and staff in the playgrounds and in contact with each other.

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

