



OLW NEWS 2020

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Dear Parents & Families,

Welcome back to the start of Term 4 and what we believe will be the last week of Learning from Home. Our students have completed some amazing work over the course of the last term and it has been very inspiring to see some pictures of their work and engaging with their learning each week, so don't forget to keep sending them in this week also!

The State Government had previously announced that Prep – Year 2 will recommence school on October 12, however they have now adjusted that advice to say that Years 3 - 6 can also recommence school in the week of October 12 rather than from October 26. Schools have the option of staggering the recommencement over the course of the week, however we will have Years Prep – 6 all recommence on Monday October 12.

In order to manage the process of children in and out of school, there are some previous procedures we will maintain, and some we will modify to ensure a smooth transition at the beginning and the end of the school day. In particular:

- Only students are allowed on the school site.
- Students will assemble on a yellow dot at the black gates and will be temperature checked and hands sanitised prior to entry at the beginning of the school day.
- There is staggered entry and exit times to reduce gate congestion. **Students will be grouped in House Teams** for this process as it keeps families together.
 - Entry - **Kelly – 8.30am**
Latrobe – 8.40am
Bates – 8.50am
 - Exit - **Kelly – 3.10pm**
Latrobe – 3.20pm
Bates – 3.30pm
- Staff will assemble students on the Basketball Court at the end of the day.
- Parents will wait outside the black gates on the yellow dots at their designated time.

The Person in Charge will manage the dismissal from school.

- If you miss your time for collecting your child you will have to wait until other groups have cleared the school. Your child's teacher will remain with your child until they are collected.
- On wet weather days, dismissal will take place from under the covered area in front of the Church. A post on our school app will alert families when this area will be used due to inclement weather.

These new arrangements are operational until the end of Term 4 and we will need the support of all families to ensure that this is a safe and smooth process. A copy of our return to school protocols is attached to today's newsletter so that you can be aware of the school procedures. **Please do not wait around or congregate in the carpark, once you have collected your child/children, you must leave directly.**

Once a year level has returned, all students are expected to attend school. This ruling by the government means that if you choose to keep your child at home, you are responsible for their learning. Classroom email accounts will also be closed once the classes have returned, so please contact the school office if you wish to speak with your child's class teacher.

Our Refurbishment Project is now due to commence on October 19, following a COVID Safe Plan, and will continue until early Term 2 next year. Stage 1 of the project involves the refurbishment of the four original classrooms, creating a deck that runs the full length of the building on the basketball side of the classrooms, creating entrances for each classroom onto the deck area, and refurbishment of the corridor walkways. This area will be cordoned off from the rest of the school and means that Years 1/2K, 2/3L, 3/4A & 4/5M will need to be relocated to a new learning space. Due to current restrictions on bringing buildings and trades onto the school site, and as the project is due

to commence the week of October 19, we will need to use current areas of the school for the relocation.

Therefore, our plan for the relocation of the classrooms to the other areas of the school are as follows:

- Years 1/2K & 2/3L will be relocated to the school hall.
- Year 3/4A will be relocated to the Italian Room
- Year 4/5M will be relocated to the Art Room (Monday – Wednesday) and the Library (Thursday & Friday)

These new learning spaces will take effect from Monday October 12. The current classrooms are being moved this Thursday so that we do not disrupt the students by having to relocate their classrooms once they have returned to school. Over the course of this week the teachers will chat about this with their class in their Google Meet, and on Monday October 12, they will spend a little more time going over routines and expectations in their new learning areas. We understand that this will create a little inconvenience, but the outcome will be worth the change. Stages 2 & 3 of the project will see the student toilets upgraded, the hall remodelled and refurbished, and the basketball court replaced. It will be a great transformation for OLW!

Our Spoonville has continued to grow quite rapidly over the holidays. Thank you to

everyone who has added their spoon to our community, and there is still plenty of room for some more additions so feel free to pop in and leave your creation!

Catholic Secondary School Applications for Year 7 in 2022 close this Friday, October 9. This date is most relevant for our current Year 5 students, but families with students in younger year levels are also welcome to make an application at this time.

School Hats are compulsory at all times in Term 4 when the students are outside, and the use of sunscreen is highly recommended. Students may also wear their summer uniform on the warmer days. As a Sunsmart School the policy is: 'No Hat, No Play'.

Welcome back, and we look forward to seeing all the students next week!

Kevin Burke

WORD OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to everyone who found out that barrack means 'to shout boisterously for or against a player or team' or 'a large, plain building in which many people are lodged.'

Our word for this week is:

DEJA VU

Find out it's meaning and origin and see if you can add this word to your vocabulary over the next week!

COVID-19 RETURN TO SCHOOL PROTOCOLS

START & END OF DAY

- Students will enter and exit the school grounds at their designated House Team time.
- Students will be temperature checked at the gate and sanitised prior to entry. They then move to their classroom and prepare for the start of the day. They are able to move outside to the playground to play prior to the commencement of the school day.
- Members of the Leadership Team & LSO's will manage the dismissal process in the afternoon. House Teams will assemble on the basketball court at their designated time for dismissal. Teachers will remain in their room supervising remaining students.
- Parents must not wait around or congregate in the carpark, once you have dropped off or collected your child/children, you need to leave directly.
- Social distancing protocols must be adhered to at all times.

ENTERING & RETURNING TO THE CLASSROOM

- Students are required to sanitise when entering the classroom/learning area. When leaving the classroom/learning area, students are also required to sanitise. If going to the toilet, they can wash their hands with soap and then return directly. If they are going to the office or another location, they need to sanitise on return.
- Each classroom/learning area has its own labelled bottle of sanitiser. These are refillable bottles so please do not throw them out.

BEFORE MORNING RECESS, LUNCHTIME & AFTERNOON DISMISSAL

- Students will be required to assist with the cleaning regime. Additional time will need to be built into your day to plan for this.
- After eating morning tea or lunch and before leaving at the end of the day, the students will be required to clean their work area, chair, etc. The teacher will spray the student's desk and chair and the child will wipe down the desk and chair with the paper towel provided. This will then be thrown out and the child can sanitise their hands and be ready to leave.
- Staff will need to wipe down high touch areas (such as door handles, light switches, teacher desk, etc.) prior to exiting their room at each break.
- Students will need to wipe down devices when they are to be returned to charging stations. Huong will coordinate the distribution of wipes for devices.
- Each grade has a labelled spray bottle of cleaner/disinfectant. These are refillable bottles so please do not throw them out.

STUDENTS USING THE TOILETS DURING RECESS TIMES

- Students attending the toilet during recess times will be able to sanitise at the Sanitiser Stations outside the toilets prior to entering, then wash their hands with soap before leaving.

LINING UP AFTER RECESS & WET DAY

- Please separate out your grades so that there is adequate space between classes and students.
- For wet day duties, please do not allow students to move between classes and have them limit their movement within the classroom.

LIMITING HIGH TOUCH SURFACES

- The toilet doors will be pinned open (excluding cubicle doors) to minimise touching.
- Keeping classroom doors open will reduce the need to constantly wipe handles and frame.
- Limiting movement of students within the classroom and shared use locations will reduce the need for constant cleaning.

BOOK RETURNS

- A tub will be provided for book returns. Books will need to be placed directly into the tub. Covers will need to be wiped down with disinfectant prior to re-shelving.

END OF DAY

- The playground, outdoor seats, tables and equipment will be disinfected daily by members of the Leadership Team. A mobile spray pack and hose are stored in the cleaner's room.



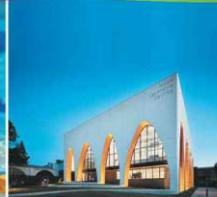
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Please note the revised date! Applications for Yr 7 2022 now close on Friday October 9



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KEY ENROLMENT DATES - YEAR 7 2022

9 October 2022

Applications for enrolment in Year 7 2022 close

October 2020

Family Interviews

1 December 2020

Offers of places to prospective Year 7 2022 students posted

15 December 2020

Final date for families to accept offers made

Limited places for Year 7 2021 still available.

Q & A session with the Principal

16 September 2020, 6pm – 7pm

[Click here to register](#)

Please click on the link below to view our **College Overview Video Presentation**

For more information, please visit our **College website:**
www.santamaria.vic.edu.au

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