

16th September 2020



Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for all your support during the past seven weeks of remote and flexible learning. I have very much appreciated that it has been a long period of time in which we have had to share the responsibility of the teaching and learning of our students. But the end of remote learning is indeed very close!

Following advice from the Chief Health Officer, the Victorian Government has advised that regional and rural communities will progress to the third step of the Coronavirus roadmap to recovery.

From Monday 5th October students enrolled in Prep to Grade 6 in standalone primary schools will return to on-site learning. Schools will have the flexibility to stagger the return of year levels depending on local circumstances.

At Kangaroo Flat Primary School, the decision has been made to have ALL grade levels return to on-site schooling, on the first day of Term 4. Therefore, as of Monday 5th October all students will be expected to attend school as normal. This means if you choose to keep your child/children home once our school has returned to on-site schooling, we can no longer support their learning from home.

Students will enter and exit the school grounds via their previously allocated **entry point/school gate**. Students can arrive at their allocated gate from 8:35 am – 8:50am. Classes commence at 8:50am.

Upon arrival, students will have their **temperature** taken at the school gate. Families need to be aware that students will be sent home if their child's temperature is higher than the recommended range provided. If your child is ill or feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice.

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

An operating model has been provided to schools by the Department of Education and Training and sets down the guidelines and expectations for school communities to adhere to as we transition from remote and flexible learning to onsite learning. This will apply until further notice.

I will provide more detail about our local context as it is important to note that the changes will include:

- Visitors to school grounds will continue to be limited to those delivering or supporting essential school services and operations.
- Students **will continue to bring their own water bottle** for use at school. Our bubble taps will remain off.
- Our school canteen, however, will re-open on Wednesday 7th October.
- Breakfast Club will resume in Week Two of Term 4 (Tuesday 13th October) in a modified model.
- Hand sanitisers continue to be available in every classroom and foaming soap dispensers in the toilet areas.

In light of these current guidelines, we are ask parents to limit their on-site presence by contacting the school by phone or email as a first preference rather than attend the school office.

We understand that some students may feel anxious about returning to school and I can assure you that your child's health and wellbeing is our core priority and we will monitor their transition during the commencement of Term 4.

Thank you for your continued support and patience during this time. We look forward to welcoming our students back to the classroom on Monday 5th October.

Yours sincerely,

Kim Saddlier

Principal
Kangaroo Flat Primary School