



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School Merbein

Reg. No. 1277

21st May, 2020

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR THE RETURN OF SCHOOL ON TUESDAY

Dear Parents and Families,

We can't wait to see the Prep, Grade One and Two students on Tuesday! To make the transition back to school a smooth one, please note the following:

- All students must be dropped off in the morning and picked up in the Kiss and Go Zone at the end of the day. There will be staff and some senior students available at the gate to meet any anxious children (particularly Prep students) and to walk them to their classroom.
- Parents are not permitted to enter the school grounds before or after school. This is for the safety of the whole school community. If it is absolutely necessary to be at the school for any reason during the day, please ring the office first before coming into the building.
- All students will need to have their own (named) drink bottle as all bubble taps will be out of use, except to refill water bottles. This is a requirement from the Health and Safety Advice supplied to schools.
- The canteen will not be operating for the remainder of the term. This is a school decision to further reduce the chances of any infection from one individual to another.
- All students should be in their full winter school uniform. As classrooms will be aired it may be colder and they will need to be warm. All students will need to wear their PE uniform on **Friday only** for the next two weeks due to timetable changes. This will most likely change again in Week 9.
- The students will not be borrowing books from the Library for the remainder of the term for health reasons.
- At this stage, assemblies will not be held. We may arrange an alternate way of completing some of our regular assembly tasks and will inform you as this happens.
- Teachers will send home a Social Story for you to read with your child over the weekend to help them to prepare for the return to school. Please take the time to read this, as there will naturally be some anxiety associated with coming back into the school environment.

Most importantly:

If your child is unwell (sniffles, coughs, headaches, runny nose) PLEASE do not send them to school! Students who present at school as unwell will be sent home immediately.

We are really looking forward to seeing all of the students on Tuesday! Thank you again for all of the work you have done to support your child's education over the past six weeks. It is now time to get back into the classroom!

Yours sincerely,

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