

From the Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back into Term 2 where we have had a smooth transition back to school after the Easter break. The official date for Winter uniform is June 1 but as the weather becomes colder full school uniform of either season is acceptable until this official date of Winter uniform wearing starts.

Week beginning Monday 26 April, 2021 all students K-6 will continue to be enter the south site school grounds to line up before going into classes. COVID conditions have changed for parent entry into schools please read key changes below and visit the link for more information.

Key changes / announcements for COVID practices in DET schools

The department's COVID-19 guidelines are now updated to align with the recent announcements and changes from NSW Health for the start of Term 2 2021. The changes includes the following:

- A COVID Safety Plan is only required where there is 100 or more external visitors gathering for indoor events or 200 or more external visitors for outdoor events.
- No capacity restrictions on residential areas in boarding schools.
- No restrictions on catering.
- No requirements for wearing a mask at indoor venues or while using transport services.
- Physical distancing is now recommended rather than required where practicable.
- A strong focus is to be maintained on accurate record keeping to support contact tracing in case there is an outbreak given the relaxation on other restrictions.
- No restrictions on group work or any school related activities.
- Borders are open to NZ, however, international excursions remain on hold at this stage given the potential complexities if there was a border closure at short notice.
- No capacity restriction in offices.
- No restrictions on singing in places of worship.

Visit the [COVID-19 guidelines](#) for additional information.

Reminders for Parents

A reminder that as PSSA continues this term parents and carers can attend school sporting events. School sporting events should align with requirements for [community sporting competitions and training activities](#) in NSW. We understand PSSA basketball is on our school site which we are happy for parents to attend as long as they sign in at the office and complete QR sign in and maintain social distancing at the court while spectating.

Cross Country note has gone home for students turning 8 years old this year in Year 2 and all Years 3 – 6 students. Please go onto school stream to complete the permission for this event early next term.

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Friday 23 April is World Book day so our Librarians are encouraging students to take a video of them reading a story and upload it to Class Dojo next week to celebrate World Book Day.

As events progress throughout this term please make sure you are on our school stream APP so you can experience these events that your child has been involved in in our newsletter "The OATLEY ORGANISER". Also please check our updated calendar of events on this site.

Our 4CTV is making a come back this term so please keep an eye on this website.

NAPLAN check ins for Year 4 & Year 6 will go ahead from 3 May 2021 which provides the school with an external snapshot of our students learning and growth. The results just come to the school and are not shared with parents. This is the same as COVID check ins last year for our then Year 3 & Year 5 students.

NAPLAN online will be implemented from Tuesday 11 May 2021 where parents do receive individual reports on their Year 3 or Year 5 child.

Throughout the term we ask students who wish to participate in the Multicultural Public Speaking program and the Debating program. These are individual choices that our students can make which the school offers as opportunity for them to participate.

The Year 5 students are really engaged in an inquiry based project with Sydney Metro and they will have an opportunity to see a real model of the new train this coming Monday. It is exciting to know that our partnership with the university is providing so much expertise and information for our students' learning.

Stage 3 will be attending the Great Aussie Bush Camp from Monday 31 May until Wednesday 2 June. Parents have been sent home finals details to complete on medical and diet requirements of their child.

Regards

Debbie Hunter

Principal