

From the Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

Week beginning Monday 31May, 2021. COVID UPDATE

NSW Health continues to urge people who have been in Victoria since 12 May to check the Victoria Department of Health and Human Services website regularly to see if they have visited any of these venues of concern, and if so, immediately follow the relevant public health advice.

If you attended any of the venues identified at the times listed, please contact NSW Health immediately on 1800 943 553.

NSW strongly advises against all non-essential travel to Victoria at this time. Travel to Victoria for school excursions, activities or any other business purpose is not permitted at this time. Advice will be provided as soon as they are able to resume.

People who do travel to Victoria for essential personal reasons will be required to follow the Victorian stay-at-home requirements on their return to NSW.

The department is in the process of updating the Department's COVID website to reflect these changes. Updated advice for families will also be available on the Department's COVID webpage shortly.

A reminder for all schools

It is important that schools continue to follow the [COVID-19 guidelines](#). In particular we wish to highlight the following:

- Staff and students should not attend work or school if unwell, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms should be sent home and should not return until they have received a negative test result and are symptom-free. In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.
- Anyone who is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms is strongly encouraged to get tested and self-isolate until a negative result is received. Location of testing clinics are available via the [NSW government COVID testing clinics webpage](#).
- All staff must monitor the [NSW government COVID-19 News and updates webpage](#) and [Victorian Government website](#) for locations where there may have been exposure to COVID-19 and adhere to the advice as appropriate.

- Schools must be vigilant in implementing:
 - Personal hygiene, physical distancing, cleaning and record keeping practices at these events
 - Where possible to use outdoor areas (weather permitting) or large open spaces to enable adequate physical distancing
 - All visitors to a school site must be well and symptom free, comply with sign-in arrangements, and maintain a physical distance of 1.5m
- Staff and visitors to schools and offices should maintain 1.5m distance from other people where practicable. Avoid congestion of groups of visitors in specific areas where possible.
- All visitors to a school site must comply with sign-in arrangements (established by the school) for each visit. This includes signing the [school sign-in sheet](#) to acknowledge they will comply with the [COVID-19 requirements for visitors, contractors and service providers](#). Visitors must also check in using the Service NSW QR code.
- All confirmed cases of COVID-19 in a school or school community must be reported to the Incident Report and Support Hotline on 1800 811 523 in accordance with the [response protocols](#). The Health and Safety Directorate will advise and support schools and workplaces when contact tracing is required using formal response protocols for confirmed cases of COVID-19 where a person has been infectious while at school or in the workplace. Further information is available by contacting the Health and Safety Directorate on 1800 811 523.
- Schools should review their preparedness to enact their arrangements for providing learning and working from home in case this is required at short notice. The [Learning from home hub](#) is in place to support continuity of education in the event that students and staff are unable to attend school (e.g. COVID-19 self-isolation requirements).

Our Year 5 METRO STEM project concluded last Thursday 27 May when students presented their final product focussed on the inquiry question that each group of students has decided upon as their inquiry. Visitors from Western Sydney university, project managers from Metro, parents and community members had a highly engaging experience of the learning that the students were involved in when students presented their final projects. Innovative ideas, a range of key areas such as safety, employment, design, engineering and finance came to life as the students elaborated on facts and showcased their work through posters, Minecraft, imovie. Keynote applications which they had learnt throughout the project. It was an incredibly proud moment for their teachers and especially parents and community members. Our next step in this STEM challenge is for Year 6 to now be involved in this project. They will engage in the showcase outcomes and then develop

their own inquiry question and present this to their parents. Under the guidance of our now three expert teachers our Year 5 will use these inquiry based skills and apply it into a new context. Photos will be shown in the Oatley Organiser.

STAGE 3 CAMP

Stage 3 camp is 31 May – 2 June and teachers have taken off this week to the Great Aussie Bush Camp. The students will engage in rock climbing, giant swing, power fan, archery, pioneering, canoeing, a talent fest and country fair. It is a great experience to develop skills in perseverance and resilience along with having fun.

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Our teachers had a wonderful twilight session on Wednesday 26 May exploring wellbeing. This professional learning was delivered by consultant in teacher wellbeing Daniela Falecki and the twilight professional learning was provided to teachers after school in lieu of our SDD in Term 4. This is so that our learning can be developed over time throughout this year.

4C UPDATE

A few teachers attended the new 4C book launch last week which captures the ongoing educational research in which our school transformational culture is working within. It has been an exciting journey as we traverse through transforming our school to ensure we provide strategies for our students to have agency in their own learning and the dispositions they use in this learning.

Term 2 2021

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.

Regards

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