



Monday 8th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

As you may be aware, the Department of Education announced an easing of restrictions around school operations on Friday. NSW has agreed that the following activities may resume across all schools in NSW:

- Parents and carers are able to enter school grounds but should continue to follow COVID-safe procedures, including social distancing between adults of 1.5metres.
- Parents/carers must continue to sign in using the Service NSW QR codes.
- Parents and carers can attend school sporting events.
- There are no recommended limits on singing groups in schools. Five metres is recommended between a group of performing singers and other people, including the audience and conductor, where practicable
- Dance activities - including dance classes, formals and social events can proceed but organisers should comply with any venue restrictions.
- Gathering of parents and community members for school events such as P&C meetings, can continue in a COVID-safe way.

Our current drop off and pick up procedures have had a positive impact on student learning - minimising disruptions, building student independence and maximising student learning time.

Parents will now be allowed to enter the school premises up to the internal gate situated next to the Admin block. Mrs Webb and Mrs Spackman will continue to provide hand sanitising as students enter the school internal area. If entering the school premises community members must use QR code (these will be displayed on the front of the school fence) as a COVID-safe procedure and continue to social distance. Parents and carers are not permitted to enter the school grounds via the back gate at this stage. Drop off and pick up will remain as it has been at the back gate where Mrs Jen and Executive will be there to greet the children and to say goodbye at the conclusion of the school day. This allows us to ensure that all students are safe within our school grounds.

It has long been a practice where parents/carers have sat amongst the students in the playground each morning. COVID has allowed us to reset and make changes to some processes.

Child protection is our highest priority, and this is why this maybe a particular change in the permanent way we work moving forward. Our students have developed independence over the past year, and this should continue to be encouraged.

The following procedures will be in place at Surveyors Creek Public School for the remainder of 2021 unless restrictions are modified by the Department of Education:

- Parents/carers are able to enter school grounds when invited to whole school/special events. On these occasions, parents must sign in using the QR code provided and maintain a social distance of 1.5 metres between adults.
- Parents/carers can attend school sporting events (information will be sent out for each one regarding procedures).
- Parents can attend scheduled meetings with their child's teacher or other school staff provided they sign in using the QR code.
- Parents may enter the office for enquiries or to pick up sick children.



Moving forward

- It is anticipated that we will be having Parent Teacher Interviews next term at some stage. (information to follow).
- Harmony Day and Crazy Hair Crazy Hat Day will be for students only at this time.
- At this stage the new guidelines do not specify that assemblies can resume. Once this changes we will advise our community.
- Kindergarten parents will continue to pick up their children at 3pm for the rest of the term. Kindergarten teachers will remain with those students who are waiting for their siblings at 3:10pm.
- If you are coming onto the school grounds to drop off or collect your child please remain in the space between the front gates and admin block and remember to use QR code and socially distance.

Once again, I thank you for your continued support and cooperation as we try to keep every member of our school community safe.

Mrs Kathy Browne
Principal