

Tarneit Rise Primary

creating citizens for the future: compassionate, curious and strong.

Respect

Responsibility

Kindness

Growth



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4!

Another year has almost passed us by and we would like to again congratulate our students, families and staff on the kindness, resilience and good humour that has been shown throughout this year so far.

As you will have heard, the Premier announced the plan for a staged return to onsite learning for schools this term:

From Monday 18 October (Week 3 of Term 4)

- Prep (Monday to Wednesday)
- Grade 1 and 2 (Thursday and Friday)

From Tuesday 26 October (Week 4 of Term 4)

- Prep (Monday to Wednesday)
- Grade 1 and 2 (Thursday and Friday)
- Grade 3 and 4 (Tuesday and Wednesday)
- Grade 5 and 6 (Thursday and Friday)

From Friday 5 November (Week 5 of Term 4)

- All students are expected to return to onsite learning Monday to Friday.

On the days that students are not at school, remote learning will continue, including some students having conferences via WebEx. If this is your child, a new conference time will be organised in the coming weeks. Specialist subjects (P.E., visual arts and performing arts, STEM and French) will also continue remotely until we are all back at school together.

The school will continue to take COVIDsafe steps, including:

- continued increased cleaning provision to clean high touch areas throughout the day, including play equipment, tables, chairs, door handles, light switches and toilets.
- all children bringing their own drink bottles to school to minimise the need to use drinking taps.
- working outdoors where appropriate
- ensuring doors and/or windows are kept open as much as possible and reverse cycle air conditioners will not be used.
- no parents allowed onsite in the morning to minimise the number of people in the school yard.
- only prep and grade 1 children to be collected from the school yard after school by 1 adult only, and only if the child doesn't have an older sibling who can collect them from their classroom and walk with them out of the school gates to a meeting area decided on by the parent or carer.
- all adults in the school are wearing face masks, unless teaching, and many children are also wearing masks.
- hand sanitiser is provided in each room and children are explicitly taught hand hygiene and cough/sneeze etiquette.



- all staff have completed infection prevention training.
- the school gates will open earlier in the morning to allow for a staggered drop off to minimise the number of people congregating.

We do want to reassure you that the health and safety of our children and staff remains a very high priority and we will continue to act upon the direction of the Education Department.

Mental health and wellbeing - Our highest priority will be the wellbeing, particularly the mental health, of every student and member of staff. This means effectively mobilising all available resources to support our most vulnerable students and enabling staff to access the relevant support services and dedicating time in class to focus on wellbeing.

Learning and excellence - Some of our students have again thrived in the remote and flexible learning environment, others have maintained their learning progress, and some have fallen behind, despite their best efforts and those of their families and teachers. Our priority will be supporting ALL of our students to return to school safely, happily, remembering our school value of **growth**, so that all students can achieve success.

Transitions - We will make every effort to ensure successful transitions for children moving from kindergarten into Prep and the Grade 6s moving into Year 7 once we have more information about what this is allowed to entail.

Outside school hours care

For returning families requiring before and after care as of next week, please email Ash at tarneitrise@bigchildcare.com or text to 0421 156 450. Those families with permanent bookings, be assured your child's place has been held and the notification of attendance is to purely assist us with rostering.

Have a wonderful week.

Nadia, Sarah, Gemma and Missy

