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COVID-19 School Update – Social Distancing Measures

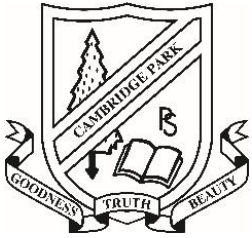
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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This week we have begun implementation of social distancing measures in line with advice from NSW Department of Education.

A summary of the hygiene and social distancing strategies we have implemented include:

- encouraging parents to send their children to school as close to 9am as possible. Please drop students to the classroom lines and leave the school grounds as quickly as possible, to avoid large crowds gathering. Gates will remain closed until 3pm to minimise parents congregating on school grounds.
- Preschool parents please enter through the front office doors to collect preschool students.
- requesting that parents send in a full, clean drink bottle labelled with their child's name each day.
- all teachers are teaching correct hand washing techniques and establishing regular hand washing timetables during the day plus washing hands before and after using shared items such as iPads, keyboards and sports equipment,
- reminding students not to touch their face
- coughing/sneezing into elbow rather than hands,
- requesting that ALL students K-6 bring in a pencil case with basic stationary items including lead pencils, pencils, glue stick, a barrel sharpener, ruler for Y2-Y6, red and blue pens for those Y4 students who have a pen license and all students in Y5-Y6
- increased ventilation in classrooms, with doors and windows open where practical, and minimal air-conditioning use,
- adjusting class locations for morning lines, recess and lunch lines.
- Moving all eating at lunch and recess into the classrooms.
- suspending all assemblies and off-site excursions effective immediately. We will award merit certificates in class (and post through class dojo) and engage in 'virtual excursions' using online tools where available. This includes cancellation of Easter Hat Parade and ANZAC Service, as well as our weekly scripture.
- suspending all sporting initiatives including Sydney West Carnivals that involve interaction with other schools. In-school sport will continue.
- limiting student gatherings to a maximum of one grade,



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- cancelling all non-essential food related events, etc cake stalls, Food Fare, ice block days, as well as requesting that no birthday cakes/donuts etc are sent into school until further notice.
- Modifying essential food programs, such as breakfast club and lunch food program to be a take away only event with all staff exercising safe food handling procedures. Students will be encouraged to space out the line and minimise numbers in the hall line.

Please be aware that students displaying respiratory illness including coughs and runny noses will be sent home in accordance with medical guidelines that all NSW government schools are required to adhere to, and the where possible if your child is displaying flu like symptoms it is requested that they be kept home from school.

If you have questions please check updates on one of our digital platforms- Facebook, SchoolStar App, the newsletter or the school website. The NSW School Updates App provides official notifications of school closures.

We have asked class teachers not to respond to health questions via Dojo to minimise their workload during this time of adjustment. We also request that all absences are sent to the office, not through ClassDojo. If you have further questions please call the school office, but please be patient as we are working to try and implement the changes as new instructions arise.

Thank you for your support and co-operation at this time, as we all work together to maintain the health of our school community.

Neil Bourke

Acting Principal