



October 11, 2021

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As we commence a term that will see us return to full onsite learning, I again thank our community for the strength and resilience that has enabled the children to continue to learn and develop through the most challenging of times.

Remote Learning will continue this week before a staggered return to school with:

### From Monday 18th October (Week 3)

- All Prep children attend onsite (Monday to Wednesday)
- All Year 1 and 2 students attend onsite (Thursday and Friday)

### From Tuesday 26th October (Week 4)

- Year 3 and 4 return onsite (Tuesday and Wednesday)
- All Year 5 and 6 return onsite (Thursday and Friday)

### From Friday 5th November (end of Week 5)

- All students are expected to return to onsite learning full-time.

It will be exciting for our students to be able to be back with friends and teachers. I'm sure parents are looking forward to being able to send children to school, and know that teachers are excited about reconnecting with the students in person. I understand for some that there may also be some hesitancy in returning to school. If this is the case please contact either your child's teacher or myself to discuss your concerns.

On Friday it was announced that masks are required for all students in Years 3—6 and that they are strongly encouraged for all other students. The school has an emergency supply of masks for students that have forgotten them but I encourage students to bring their own masks from home.

Later in the week I will communicate the plans for dropping students at school and picking them up at the end of the day. At this stage, parents will not be permitted to enter the school grounds.

## Calendar

**Monday October 18—Wednesday  
October 20**

Prep students return to onsite learning

**Thursday October 21—Friday  
October 22**

Year 1 & 2 students return to onsite learning

**Tuesday October 26—Wednesday  
October 27**

Year 3 & 4 students return to onsite learning

**Thursday October 28—Friday  
October 29**

Year 5 & 6 students return to onsite learning

**Tuesday November 2**

Melbourne Cup Day—No school

**Friday November 5**

All students return to onsite learning



As was the case last year guidelines will continue to adjust and I will communicate any changes as they occur.

Advice from the Department of Education has confirmed that, until further notice, students in Metropolitan Melbourne cannot take part in any Camping programs, offsite excursions, onsite incursions with external providers or large community events. For this reason, we have cancelled all planned Camps for students in Years 1/2 and 3/4 for the remainder of the year. I understand how disappointing this is for our students and look forward to these opportunities occurring next year. We still intend to film the Production and will work within the guidelines to make this opportunity happen for the students. More information will follow about when this will happen.

Selby PS is committed to providing a safe learning and working environment for our students and staff. I ask the whole school community to follow the guidelines to enable us to provide the safest possible environment during this time. **We all have a role to play in stopping the spread of COVID-19 in our community.**

## 2022 CLASS PLACEMENT REQUESTS

We are about to start the process of making plans for teacher and student placements for 2022. This is a complex process involving a range of factors and allocations. Student and teacher placements will not be finalised until later in the school year. Each year the staff work through a comprehensive process to form classes for the new year. Current teaching teams (including specialist teachers) develop prospective lists based on their knowledge of the students in relation to their academic, social/emotional and physical needs. I wish to offer parents an opportunity to provide, in writing, any special considerations in terms of any particular educational needs their child/ren may have, in line with school policy. Please be aware that we will consider all requests **but make no guarantees** that all requests will be met. **Please note that specific request for teachers will not be considered.** Any specific requests from parents in regard to the placement of their child/ren must be in writing and emailed to the office by no later than **Friday November 12th, 2021**. It is essential to have requests in by this date to assist with planning, staffing and organisation. Late requests will not be considered.

To further assist us in our planning for the 2022 school year it is imperative that we have as accurate a figure as possible of enrolments for 2022. If you have any kindergarten children ready for Prep next year or if you know anyone who is intending to enrol their child at Selby but hasn't done so already, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible. If they are unsure about the process, please direct them to call the office for assistance. It is equally important to know if any families of children currently in Prep to Year 5 are leaving Selby in 2021. Please inform the office staff as soon as possible if your child/ren will not be attending.



## SUNSMART

As a registered member of the Cancer Council Victoria's SunSmart Program, our policy for wearing hats whenever outside is now in effect. Without a hat, play must be undercover to avoid the damaging UV. Our school aims to protect children and staff from too much UV to help minimise future skin cancer risk. Please make sure that your child has their NAMED school hat when they return to school.

## EXTREME & CODE RED FIRE DANGER DAYS

Our school is one of many schools across Victoria that is a Bushfire at Risk Register (BARR) School. As a Bushfire at Risk School we are closed on any declared Code Red Day and Extreme Day.

As was the case last year, on days forecast as **Extreme**, when the local weather conditions are considered unsafe, we have been directed by the Department of Education that our school will be relocated to an alternative school site which has been identified as **Heany Park Primary School** in **Rowville**. Selby Primary School will not provide transport on the day to or from Heany Park Primary School. You will need to make arrangements for your child/ren to attend the alternate site if you choose to send your child/ren to school on those days. If this occurs, families will be notified using Compass, SMS and email (no later than 1pm the day before the anticipated closure) so please be aware you may receive the same information more than once. **We will also require a 'read receipt' from you to be absolutely sure everyone is aware of this situation.**

Information about the current and expected Fire Danger Ratings can be found in weather forecasts on daily news programs, published on websites and in newspapers, broadcast on radio and on the [CFA website](#).

With fire season fast approaching it is a good time to remind our families to ensure that all your details are up to date at the school. We know that a number of peoples circumstances have changed recently and we require the most up to date records to ensure we can contact you. If you have changed address, got a new phone number or changed employment could you please let the office know.

Again I thank you for all of your efforts in supporting the students

Stay safe

David Orlandi  
Principal



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