



October 26, 2021

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It was with much excitement over the past week and half that the students have begun their staggered return to school. It took no time for the students to slot straight back into 'school mode' and I was impressed with the settled classrooms. I enjoyed hearing the hum of learning that has been missing from the classrooms for too long.

On the weekend it was announced that following the increase in vaccinations in Victoria, the staged return to onsite learning is being brought forward, **with all onsite schooling to commence full time from Monday 1 November.**

All metropolitan Melbourne students and school levels will return to onsite learning from Monday 1 November, joining regional Victorian students who returned to onsite learning on Friday 22 October.



The earlier return of students to full-time onsite learning is great news for our school community and families.

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

Calendar

Monday November 1

All students return to onsite learning

Tuesday November 2

Melbourne Cup Day—No school

Friday November 5

2022 Prep Transition

Friday November 12

Last day for parent class placement requests

HATS

Just a reminder that all students are required throughout the whole of Term 4. Can you please make sure that the hats are clearly named.



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.

UPDATE CONTACT DETAILS

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. If you have changed address, got a new phone number or have a new alternative contact please contact the office to give us the details so that we are able to contact you if required.

IS YOUR CHILD STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL NEXT YEAR?

Parents of our Year 6 students will tell you that it doesn't seem that long ago that their child was starting school. The primary years seem to fly by and our Year 6s are already four weeks into their final term of primary school.

Secondary school can be a daunting thought for not only our students but parents as well. There are many questions, which I'm sure you have, which are not fully answered at information nights and orientation days.

The Department of Education and Training have developed an informative site, which provides hints and tips on how to support your child through the transition to secondary school.

The site is <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/going-to-school/Pages/tips-starting-school.aspx>

WORLD TEACHERS DAY AUSTRALIA – FRIDAY 29TH OCTOBER

This Friday is World Teachers Day Australia. I would like to thank the dedicated staff at Selby PS for the significant contribution they make towards ensuring our students experience a stimulating and challenging learning environment. During the challenging time of remote learning the staff at Selby worked tirelessly to prepare curriculum resources for the students and to engage with the students and parents to provide valuable learning opportunities and support student wellbeing.



Stay safe

David Orlandi
Principal

Please read the following information so that you are aware of our procedures for dropping off and picking up students.

ARRIVAL

Our local plan is for students to arrive at school between 8.45am and 8.55am. As students enter the school they will move straight into classrooms. At this time parents are not permitted to come on the school grounds. Staff will be at the 3 entry points to assist students.

Please do not drop your child before this this time, as no student will be allowed onsite before the designated time. Everyone in the community is responsible for ensuring that other members of the community remain healthy and safe. Please make sure that you are maintaining a safe distance from other members of the community and are wearing a face mask as required by Public Health Orders.

DEPARTURE

At the end of the school day students will be taken by the staff to one of the 3 pick up points. Staff will be at the designated exit points to assist students in finding their parents. Please see the map attached and discuss with your child where you will meet them. Any child who has not been collected by 3:45pm will be brought to the office.



Drop Off/Pick Up Point 1

Students are able to be dropped off/picked up in drive through bay in main car park.

Drop Off/Pick Up Point 2

Students to be dropped off/picked up from cars parked on the lower court. Parents asked to stay in/at cars.

Drop Off/Pick Up Point 3

Students to be dropped off/picked up from gate on Waimea Grove. Parents asked to stay in/at cars.



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