



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE 25/1/2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Blacktown South Public School for the 2021 School Year. I hope all our families have had a very safe and enjoyable school holiday break.

I would especially like to welcome all our new students and their families with students starting Kindergarten, Year5 OC students and other students across the school.

Important Information for the Beginning of the New School Year

Wednesday 27/1/21 and Thursday 28/1/21 - the first two days are Staff Development Days or Pupil Free Day – students do not attend.

Years 1 to 6 Students return to school on Friday 29th January 2021

Uniform Shop Opening Hours for the beginning of 2021

Wednesday 27th January (Pupil free day) - The Uniform Shop will be open 9am – 12pm.

Thursday 28th January (Pupil free day) - The Uniform Shop will be open 9am – 12pm.

Friday 29th January - The Uniform Shop will be open 8.45am – 12pm.

Please note: All school pedestrian gates will be open on Wednesday 27/1/21 and Thursday 28/1/21 to allow access to the Uniform shop and for enrolments.

Day 1 Organisation for Students – Friday 29/1/21

I continue to strongly encourage parents and caregivers, where possible, to arrange a drop off point and pick-up point outside the school grounds.

For those parents and caregivers with younger children please minimise your time on the school grounds – no more than 5 minutes please. With the exception of enrolling, attending the uniform shop or making enquires at the school office.

On Friday 29 January, students will need to assemble when the morning bell rings in their 2020 class groups in the following areas:

2021 Years 1 & 2 Students – Under the COLA

2021 Years 3 & 4 Students – On the Basketball Court

2021 Years 5 & 6 Students – Quite Area 2- under the shade sail

When practical either later in the day on Friday 29 January or very possibly on Monday 1st February when all new enrolments have been processed we hope to place students into new class groups.

Afternoon Pick-up on Friday 29/1/21

Please note students will assemble in the same three areas from 3.05pm for pick-up.

2021 Years 1 & 2 Students – Under the COLA

2021 Years 3 & 4 Students – On the Basketball Court

2021 Years 5 & 6 Students – Quite Area 2- under the shade sail

Please do not enter the school ground before 3pm.

Kindergarten Best Start

Kindergarten parents and carers have booked a Best Start assessment time for their child between Friday 29/1/21 and Wednesday 3/2/21.

At your designated time please come to the Best Start Kindergarten check in table which will be set up in the courtyard outside the Kindergarten classrooms. You will need to sign in and may wait in the covered area while your child completes the assessment.

If you are unsure of your Best Start Assessment time or have not booked a time – please contact the school office on Wednesday 27/1/21. Phone number - 9622 2449

Protocols to Remember

Student Illness: Parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell.

Schools are required to send any student home who is unwell or has any and/or mild flu like symptoms- runny nose or sneezing, fever, sore throat, dry cough, headache, muscle and joint pain. Students with flu like symptoms STILL need to be tested for COVID-19 and will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result to the school before being permitted to return.

Parents and Carers who are Visitors to the School: All parents and carers who interact with staff or school volunteers need to complete a health declaration form. When visiting the Uniform Shop or the School Canteen, parents are required to record their details on the provided contact sheets.

Please remember to practise social distancing at all times.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation in these matters.

Please stay safe

Andrew Bowmer
Principal