



6th May 2020

Dear WESS Families

On Monday, 11th May we are excited to welcome our Prep and Year 1 students back to WESS. They will join the children of essential workers from Year 2-6.

Please note that until all students return to school, we will operate on the Junior Timetable – 8:45am – 3:00pm.

On-site Health and Safety Measures

We will continue to implement strict hygiene measures at school, recommended by QLD Health and the Department of Education (DOE), such as:

- Regular handwashing and hand sanitising, particularly before and after eating. Many families are opting to send small bottles of sanitiser with their children for personal use. We encourage this initiative as a supplement to our existing processes.
- Increased cleaning of classrooms
- Regular cleaning of equipment and materials
- Encouraging students to bring their own water bottles for personal use
- Asking students not to share food
- Avoiding large gatherings at school such as assemblies
- Separating year level play areas
- Keeping doors open to minimise touchpoints
- Cancelling any excursions, camps, interschool sports etc
- Reminding parents/carers not to send children who are sick or have compromised immune systems to school.

Adult Physical Distancing

Physical distancing for adults remains in place. We are limiting access to the school grounds by non-essential visitors, parents and carers.

We therefore ask for your support with the following:

- Please do not gather in the school grounds before and after school. (See new Drop Off and Pick-Up Procedure below)
- Do not go to the classrooms. If you need to speak to a teacher, please do so by phone or email.
- Use online payment methods where possible
- Adhere to the 1.5m social distancing rule at all times

Drop off and Pick up for Prep and Year 1 Students - NEW PROCEDURE

Drop off:

- Prep and Year 1 students arrive at school **from 8.15am**. (NB Any student arriving before this time should access OSHC)
- They are to access the school grounds **via the gate in the prep area, located on Hardgrave Rd.**
- Students will be met at the gate by staff members and directed to their classrooms (Prep) and the prep sandpit area (Year 1).
- Parents/carers are asked to drop and go. They are not permitted in the Prep area or classrooms.

We are hoping that this new process will reduce the likelihood of adults congregating in areas within the school grounds.

Pick up:

In the afternoon parents/carers are asked to **collect students from the oval anytime from 2.45pm**, where they will be sitting in their class groups with their classroom teachers.

Once you have collected your children we ask that you leave the school grounds immediately.

General Information

We have summarised all the important information in the table below:

	Prep	Year 1	Years 2-6	Additional Info
Return to School	Monday 11 th May 8.45am -3.00pm	Monday 11 th May 8.45am -3.00pm	Monday 25 th May*	*Except the children of essential workers who may attend as they are now
Drop Off	Prep Playground gate -access through Hardgrave Road from 8.15am. Students will then move to the Prep classrooms.	Prep Playground gate -access through Hardgrave Road from 8.15am. Students will then move to the Prep Sandpit area.	Dirram Yani	Parents/carers are requested to drop and go
Pick up	Students can be picked up from the oval from 2.45pm till 3pm. Only students at OHSC should remain on school grounds.		Students leave school grounds at the bell.	Parents/Carers must leave the school grounds straight after pick up
Lunch Time	Students will be separated into multiple play areas.			Playground and equipment used will be cleaned after each session

	Prep	Year 1	Years 2-6	Additional Info
Roll Marking	Normal roll marking procedures. Parents to inform the school of absences through absentee line or the QParents app		Daily attendance emails to continue	
Classroom	Students will learn in their own classroom with their own teacher		Supervision of students* to complete WESS@Home tasks	*The children of essential workers who may attend as they are now
Students not attending school	DOE's Learning@Home	DOE's Learning@Home	WESS@Home	
Specialist Lessons	Normal timetable	Normal Timetable	WESS@Home lessons	Students will follow the existing timetable
Tuckshop	Closed	Closed	Closed	Tuckshop will remain closed until further notice
Uniform Shop	Mondays 8-9am	Mondays 8-9am	Mondays 8-9am	Reduced opening hours until further notice
After school activities	Cancelled	Cancelled	Cancelled	No after school activities until further notice

We hope you find this outline useful. We will continue to update you with any new information through newflashes and Facebook. It is worth noting that our next edition of WESS LEARNING NEWS comes out on Friday so keep an eye on your inbox.

I am really heartened by the support we have received from our WESS community. We hope you are enjoying the videos we are sharing on Facebook – they have become a way of staying connected and celebrating our wonderful school community.

Take care,

Kim McNamara



Empower every student to achieve their personal best to make the world a better place.