



CHRYSALIS STEINER SCHOOL

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20th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to School for Term 3!

We hope you and your families have enjoyed the break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to School on Wednesday of this week.

Staff have been preparing for the children's return, including two days of professional development focussing on student support and care.

Unfortunately, our School's operations continue to be affected by the COVID 19 outbreak and we seek your understanding regarding the impacts during Term 3. The recent spike in infections has been a setback to our hopes of a steady progression back to our full program.

The Department of Education continue to impose restrictions on school activities, affecting external activities and visits to the School. The latest update, provided yesterday, has a number of activities under consideration from Term 3. We anticipate contacting you on a regular basis this term to advise you of changes.

Visiting School

We had hoped to host a welcome back morning tea for parents and carers, however, all non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events. This also impacts parent helpers, with no non-essential adult visitors to the classrooms.

Please contact Administration (6655 8616), **first**, if you need to visit the School (other than for drop-off and pick-ups remaining in your car).

Increased infection risk

During the holidays, there has been a setback in regard to the COVID 19 outbreak. Unfortunately, the situation in Victoria and parts of Sydney has worsened, with the former reverting to lockdowns. Our hearts and minds go out to those communities and we hope they are able to recover quickly. If your family has visited these areas over the holidays, you must observe the Government's quarantine restrictions and be alert to the health of your family members.

Preventative measures

The health and wellbeing of our entire Community (students, staff and families) is important to us. Please do not send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have mild symptoms. Where a child presents as unwell, we will need to make arrangements for their immediate return to home.

The School will continue to observe hygiene and physical distancing practices, as recommended by the Department of Health.

Camps and excursions

Sadly, camps and excursions remain on hold for the commencement of Term 3. It was intended Class 6 would be off to Canberra and the snow next week, however, this has had to be cancelled and we are now looking at alternatives. The current situation is likely to impact other camps scheduled for Term 3 – we continue to assess these and will seek to keep parents and carers informed in a timely way. In the event of our camp program being curtailed, adjustments will be made to charges invoiced to families.

Term 3 Fees

As advised toward the end of last term, the School will continue to support those families experiencing financial hardship. In Term 3, the School will revert to the standard Fee Support and Bursary program. Please contact Tim (business@chrysalis.nsw.edu.au) if you wish to discuss these options further.

Invoices and statements are being sent to families this week.

Parent/Teacher interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews will be conducted in Term 3 and a further communication will be sent to parents and carers to schedule these meetings. The form these meetings take will be determined by the health advice at that time.

Thank you

In closing, we thank you for your continuing support, understanding and patience. This period has been immensely challenging for all of us, but together we will help build our Community's resilience.

If you have any concern or question, please do not hesitate to contact the School.

Yours sincerely,



Lisa O'Donnell and the Leadership Team