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Updated Information: COVID-19

Dear Parents and Guardians,

22/07/20

Welcome back to Term 3! I have been so happy to meet our beautiful students and to see them in their classrooms learning these last couple of days. Your children are beautiful and have made my transition very positive, warm and welcoming.

I wanted to update parents on the Department of Education's advice to schools regarding the COVID-19 situation. I want to assure all parents and guardians that our school is following all guidelines. Below is some information for you to read about the current updates.

Updated information for parents and carers about COVID-19

- Schools continue to be safe and operations are in line with AHPPC and NSW Health guidelines.
- All students should be learning at school unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence.
- Principals must ensure that all users of school facilities and visitors to the school site are aware of the physical distancing, health and hygiene measures required by the school, and receive written confirmation of this understanding and comply with all regulations.
- Non-essential adults are still not permitted on school grounds or at school events. This includes parents and carers.
- Construction and maintenance providers may attend schools for asset-related activities.

Tightened NSW – Victoria border restrictions

- The recent Public Health Order changes will have an impact on students and staff travelling across the NSW-Victorian border.
- From midnight Tuesday 21 July, the border restrictions will be clearly defined with a new border zone along the Murray River.
- Current border permits will expire on midnight, Tuesday 21 July. Students and staff will need to apply for new permits. Parents and staff members are strongly encouraged to apply for a new permit and comply with the conditions of the permit through the Service NSW website. Once a border permit is obtained, students and staff must carry the permit with them at all times.
- Anyone returning from Victoria since 8 July must self-isolate for 14 days from the date of their return to NSW before returning to school.
- Victorian border zone residents are authorised to enter and remain in NSW only for a permitted purpose with a valid border permit and are not allowed to travel outside of the NSW border zone.



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They must also not enter NSW if they have travelled outside of the Victorian border zone within the previous 14 days.

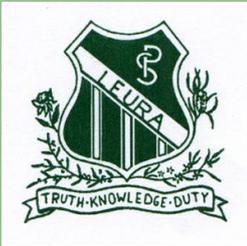
- NSW border zone residents must self-isolate if they have travelled outside the Victorian border zone before re-entering NSW using a valid permit or if they entered Victoria other than for a permitted purpose.
- Under the new Public Health Order the Border Zone has been reduced significantly.
- Not all staff and students may be eligible for a border permit under the public health orders. If you are not eligible for a border permit you will not be able to cross the border. Students and staff will be supported through remote learning and working via the online learning hubs until they are able to return to work or learn on campus.
- Schools will communicate with families and will facilitate learning continuity relevant to the local circumstances.
- We encourage parents to monitor local circumstances regularly as things may change in the coming days or weeks.
- Further information on the new border zone is available on the Service NSW External link.

Physical distancing is not required for students

- Physical distancing of children in schools is not required by the latest AHPPC guidelines.

Physical distancing requirements remain for adults

- Schools must strongly promote to all staff the need to remain vigilant and take all precautions to minimise the risk of transmission of COVID-19 in our schools and when out in the community. When physical distancing is combined with good personal hygiene, the spread of illness and infection can be slowed. Staff should exercise good personal hygiene and cleanliness including around staff spaces and shared usage areas.
- **All adults must maintain physical distance from each other (1.5m) including teachers, support staff, and visitors.**
- Non-essential visitors to schools should not be allowed.
- Schools should ensure school pick up and drop off arrangements enable parents to physically distance from one another and from staff. Schools should consider strategies to avoid large congregations during school pickup and drop-offs.
- Students should continue to bring water bottles from home to fill at water bubblers rather than drink directly from the bubbler.
- All students should continue to bring in their own pencils, pens and equipment to ensure our students are not sharing.



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Activities on hold until further notice

A number of activities remain on hold and will be reconsidered during Term 3:

- Kindergarten orientation
- School camps
- Excursions
- Parent and carer attendance at assemblies and other school events
- Parent and carer volunteers – e.g. parent reading helpers

- School-based activities that involve large gathering of adults

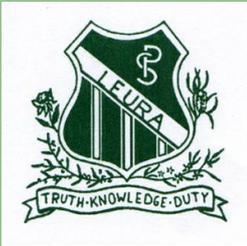
Attendance and roll marking

All students should be either:

- at school
- at home because they are currently unwell
- at home because they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition (or in limited cases where a family member has an ongoing medical condition)
- **If a student falls ill while at school, the department's current first aid procedures apply including contacting the student's parent or carer or emergency contact, to collect the student.**

Cleaning and supplies and Enhanced cleaning

- The department requires cleaning to be delivered in line with the AHPPC guidelines and advice from NSW Health. An enhanced hygienic cleaning process in schools has been implemented in addition to the standard daily clean.
- Target areas include high-touch areas and other hard surfaces, door handles, lockers, light switches and handrails in stairways and movement areas. Enhanced cleaning is delivered as part of the daily cleaning of schools.
- Schools are now also receiving an additional clean during the day in line with AHPPC guidance. This includes cleaning frequently touched areas in bathrooms after recess, as well as replenishing supplies such as soap and hand towels that are provided by the school. High touch surfaces such as balustrades and handrails in the playground and stairwells are also wiped with disinfectant.



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Reporting suspected COVID-19 cases

- All suspected and confirmed cases should be reported to the department's Incident Report and Support Hotline. Please ensure you let the front office know if any person in your household is a suspected case and when and where they were tested. Can you also let us know the results of the testing.

If you have any questions please email or ring the school and we will respond to all providing as much clarity as we can.

We have been overwhelmed by our school community's support and co-operation throughout these difficult times and we share the frustrations and confusion that we all face with the ongoing and changing procedures and practices.

Best of all is to focus on the wonderful smiling faces of our students as they returned into school today. We really are looking to focus on our student's learning and wellbeing throughout the term.

Hoping that everyone has a fantastic and exciting term!

Kind regards,

May Ptolemy

Principal