

Dear Prep 2021 Families,

A warm welcome once again. I am writing with some very EXCITING news. As of this morning, we are able to have 10 of you at a time for an onsite visit. We are looking forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks albeit in a slightly different way than we normally would during Transition.

We will be running small group sessions in the library starting from Nov 4 (after Melbourne Cup day). Each session will be no longer than an hour. Please phone the office 9786 1555 with your preferred session day/time from the following options:

Wednesday 4th November – 9.30 – 10.30am

Wednesday 4th November – 12.00 – 1.00pm

Friday 6th November – 9.30 – 10.30am

Friday 6th November – 12.00 – 1.00pm

Tuesday 10th November – 9.30 – 10.30am

Tuesday 10th November – 12.00 – 1.00pm

The Department of Education in line with the Chief Medical Health Officer have set strict guidelines for Transition. In ensuring the safety of all involved, we will be adhering to the following advice:

- On-site visits of small groups (up to 10) of incoming children, their parents and/or early childhood educators to visit one 'Foundation teacher' in a school.
- No intermixing with other children at the school is permitted as part of the visits. Schools will only be allowed to have **one small group visit in school at any one time (i.e. there may not be multiple groups of 10 visiting the school at the same time).**
- Children attending the transition activities must be enrolled in the school.
- The 10 visitors to a school must remain in the designated area assigned for the transition activity.
- Strict physical distancing should be observed.
- **Face masks to be worn by all adults.**
- Cleaning of all areas used for the transition activity, including high touch points, toilets, etc after each session.
- Regular hand hygiene.
- No food be offered or exchanged in the transition activities. Please send your child with a drink bottle.

We will also be hosting a parent information session and will provide an opportunity for a live Q&A on November 5 at 6:30pm. This information session will be via WebEx. Please download Cisco Webex.

I hope that you have had an opportunity to view our first video on the school Website (in the Transition Portal). There are more to come during the next few weeks. We would love to have some video of your children so that they can all get to 'meet' each other. If you are comfortable with your child being on a transition video, we will ask for your signed consent to take some film of them during their visit. You are in no way obliged to do so as we understand that some parents do not like their child being photographed or filmed.

We cannot wait to see you all soon!

Kind Regards,

Jane Briffa
Principal