



John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School

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Dear Parents and Guardians

The many important decisions made by the Anglican Schools Commission (ASC) and the School's Executive Team throughout the continuing COVID-19 Pandemic have always been made with a consideration on the impact to the School community. These decisions have been made in the first instance, with a focus on ensuring that we keep all students, staff and parents safe throughout this time, while maintaining and improving the delivery of the curriculum to all students.

It must be also noted that not every parent has been pleased with every decision made throughout the past four months, with a number of letters and emails being received when relevant actions have been implemented in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. These letters and emails have always been acknowledged and the differing views taken into consideration.

Further to my letter dated 29 June 2020, referencing the School's intentions to maintain the drop-off and pick-up requirements implemented in Term 2, I would like to thank those parents who have contacted me personally to highlight their views on this decision. I have considered all views and have come to the decision that the School should amend its requirements.

The requirement for parents of Pre-Primary to Year 6 students to drop their children at the designated drop-off areas at the commencement of each school day will remain in place. The process of picking your children up from the School will revert to the pre-COVID expectations from the beginning of Term 3; in that parents may pick their children up from within the school grounds, if they so wish. Please note that Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten parents are still able to drop their children off at their classrooms, ongoing. There has never been any suggested change to this process.

This amendment to the pick-up requirements will allow for incidental communication to occur, as well as reigniting a sense of informal community presence into the school grounds at the end of each school day. This arrangement will also maintain the benefits seen by our staff and experienced by our students throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic, at the beginning of each school day.

In your informal engagement on the school site, I would remind parents to maintain a 1.5m physical distance between themselves and other adults, particularly staff, and trust that the arrangement, as detailed above, is viewed as a positive response to the communications as received by the School from its parents.

Yours sincerely

Jason Bartell
PRINCIPAL