



Week 7, Term 1 2021

Easing of COVID Restrictions – NSW Schools

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we publicised yesterday, there has been an easing of COVID-19 related restrictions in NSW schools. One of the major changes is the fact that parents are allowed back onto school grounds.

Please read the information below:

Morning Drop Off

Parents are now allowed onto school grounds to drop their children off in the morning. We ask that you consider continuing to drop your child at the school gate with Miss Lisa and leave for the following reasons:

- Your child has demonstrated great resilience and maturity as a result of needing to do this over the past months.
- Students have shared with us the pride that they feel in coming into school independently.
- We have observed an increase in smiles as children arrive as separation is no longer an issue.
- Students have reported feeling the same as their peers as they no longer have to worry why some parents stay and their parents can't during the morning duty routine.
- The start to the day of learning has been smooth and settled for students
- It has minimised traffic congestion around the school

However, if you wish to enter the school grounds to drop your child off, you are obviously welcome to do so. If you come on to school grounds, you will need to scan the 'Service NSW COVID Check In' at the school gate. Although we remind you that parents are not to enter the bag rooms or classrooms without a scheduled meeting with their child's classroom teacher.

Afternoon Pick Up

Our top school gate will remain closed until 3.15pm as per our pre COVID procedures. Children will be dismissed through the gate they have currently been exiting through each afternoon. If you need to come onto the school site prior to 3.15pm please do so through the main gate entry.

If you come on to school grounds, you will need to scan the 'Service NSW COVID Check In' at the school gate.

COVID Safety

The NSW Department of Education reminds parents that they should continue to follow COVID-safe practices, including social distancing between adults of 1.5m. We appreciate your support with this.

Reminders

Please remember:

- If you are coming in to the school to drop off or collect your child in the afternoon, you will need to remain in the playground to farewell or wait for your child once you have scanned in using the 'Service NSW COVID check-in' QR code. Parents and family members are not to enter the school buildings during learning time. Any forgotten articles (ie hat, drink bottle etc.) are to be dropped off at the office.

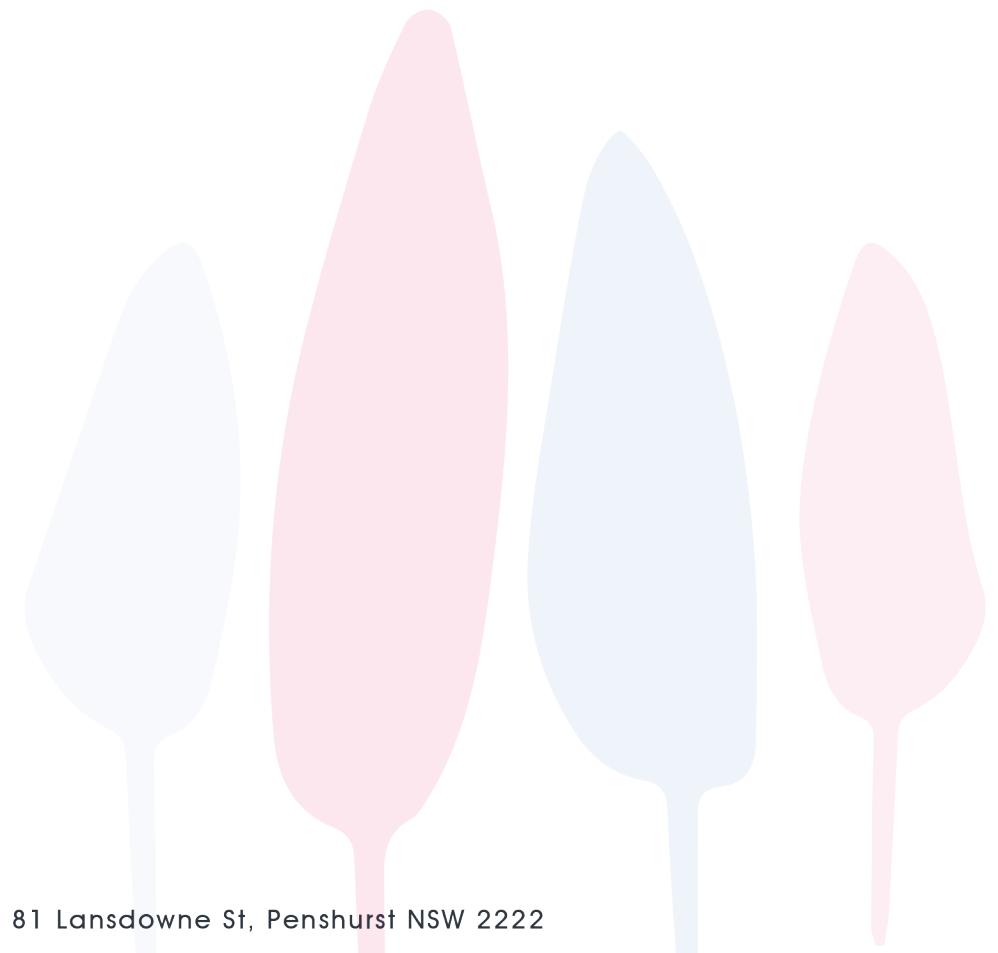
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- If you come to the office for a meeting or to collect your child for an appointment or from the Sick Bay, you will need to scan the 'school visitor sign in' and the 'Service NSW COVID Check In' QR code at the school office.

I would like to take this opportunity to again thank the community for their support over the recent months while we have had to have these restrictions in place. We look forward to welcoming you back on to school grounds and working together for the rest of 2021.

Kylie McKinnon
Principal
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