



Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers of Broadbeach Prep and Year One students,

We are looking forward to welcoming your child to school on Monday.

Due to the current mandated restrictions, as communicated by Mr Langes, we need to make some changes to the delivery and collection of students starting from Day One.

We understand that many of you would have imagined the first day of the school year to include meeting your child's teacher and visiting their classroom. We would have preferred this opportunity too and are disappointed that this can't occur on Day One. As an alternative, your child's teacher will be in contact with you to arrange a classroom visit on a specific day. This process will allow every child the opportunity to show their parent their classroom within the first two weeks.

As stated in the Government directive, parents of Prep and Year One students can access the grounds. We ask that you support our COVID safe plans by **minimising your time on the grounds, maintaining 1.5 metres** from other adults and **wearing a mask**.

#### Year One Parents:

Last year saw your students adapt very quickly to saying good-bye at the entrance on Mary Avenue. We received many positive comments about the advantages of this procedure and the confidence your children displayed. We therefore encourage you to embrace your child's growing independence and use this option whenever possible for morning drop-off.

#### Morning Drop-Off:

- **Year One Students:**

- Please enter the school via the entrance on **Mary Ave**.
- Staff members will be there from **8:15 – 8:45** to direct your child to the **Junior UCA**.
- Parents are **encouraged to say good-bye at the gate**. If your child is upset or apprehensive you can walk them towards the UCA and wait with them near the playground until they are ready to sit with their class. The play equipment is not to be used at this time.
- Familiar staff will be waiting in the UCA to greet and support your child.
- Children will be directed to sit in their class groups.
- At **8:30 the teachers** will arrive to meet their class and **escort them to the classroom**.
- Staff will remain until 8:45 to gather later arrivals and escort them to classrooms.

- **Prep Students**

- Please enter the school via the entrance on **Alexandra Ave** (near the bus stop)
- Staff members will be there from **8:15 – 8:45** to direct you to the **Junior UCA**.
- Parents are encouraged to say good-bye at the UCA and leave as soon as possible. If your child is particularly upset **you can wait with them** in the playground area until they are feeling more confident. The play equipment is not to be used at this time.
- **Prep staff** will be waiting in the UCA to **greet and support** your child.
- Children will be encouraged to sit with their class group.
- At **8:30 their teacher** will **escort the class** to their room.
- The teacher aides will remain for late arrivals before escorting them to the classroom.
- Unfortunately our Tissues and Tim Tams morning has had to be cancelled. We encourage you to have a plan and meet up with a family member or friend.

- Those attending PCYC will be delivered by the staff to the **Junior UCA**.
- **Older siblings** will be directed to the **Peace Garden**.

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## Afternoon Pick-Up:

- **Year One Students:**
  - Children can be collected by an older sibling.
  - We also encourage you to take advantage of the [Kiss 'n' Go](#)
  - You are also welcome to **arrange a place to meet your child** in the afternoon.
  - Please ensure **your child knows your pick-up plan** and where to meet you.
  - Remaining students will be escorted to the **Multi-Purpose Courts** near the oval.
  - Parents can enter the small gate between the Pink Recycle Bin and the Staff Carpark.
  - Children will be encouraged to watch for their parent and go to them.
  - Those attending PCYC will be collected from this location by PCYC staff.
- **Prep Students:**
  - Students will be escorted to the **Junior UCA** - (morning drop-off point) **from 2:50pm**
  - Parents should enter via the entrance on **Alexandra Ave** (near the bus stop)
  - Signage and direction from staff will be in place to help with COVID safe protocols.
  - Children will be encouraged to watch and inform their teacher when they see the person collecting them.
  - Once you connect with your child, we ask you to keep moving to reduce mass gathering and avoid extended contact with others.
  - If the teacher has any concerns regarding your child's day, they will make contact with you.
  - Those attending PCYC will be collected from this location by PCYC staff.
  - Children may be collected by an **older sibling if prior written permission** has been completed and sent to the office.

## Prepare your child by:

- Explaining what the morning will look like.
- Helping them to understand why you can't come into the classroom
- Reassuring them that their teachers will be looking forward to seeing them
- Planning for a quick hug and kiss good-bye
- Telling them that you will be there to pick them up and where

We understand if you may have some reservations about this change. Whilst Day One won't look the way we had all envisaged, we are confident that all children will have a lovely first day of school. From experience, we can assure you that the children will adapt quickly and very well. When they look to their supporting adults, if they sense your confidence, they will feel reassured and any initial apprehension will swiftly diminish. Remember that if you show them you are happy and confident about school they will be too. Children are very good at sensing how you feel and will respond or react accordingly.

We appreciate your support in helping us overcome these COVID challenges. Your efforts in maintaining positivity and calm will help us remain focused on your children and their needs, including their social and emotional wellbeing.

## Yours in Education



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