

Dear Parents/Carers/Students,

On behalf of my staff and myself, I would like to wish you all a very safe and joyous festive season.

It has been a very challenging year for all, but I am proud to say that we have all worked together for the best possible outcomes for our children.

Our kids have missed out on so much this year, but we were able to proceed with a COVID safe presentation day – run in individual year groups as well as a COVID safe modified end of year festival celebration – also run in separate year groups.

As parents you have missed out on many opportunities to engage and celebrate with your children.

As things currently stand, many limitations continue into 2021, despite relaxation of some restrictions.

As the restrictions stand, as of the latest update, we can expect that commencing 2021:

- All students should be learning on-campus unless they are unwell or have a medical certificate to support their absence.
- All activities permitted at school are safe and appropriate in a living with COVID-19 environment.
- No student or staff member should attend school if they have flu like symptoms or are unwell.
- Physical distancing of children in schools is not required by the AHPPC guidelines.
- Where possible students should stay within their learning cohort groups for learning activities. The mixing of students from different cohort groups should be avoided.
- Parents / non-essential adults are not permitted on school grounds or at school events. Parents are permitted on school ground only if they have a scheduled meeting with staff or executive; or if they have been asked to collect their child.
- The swimming carnival is scheduled to go ahead next year; with a limit of 150 people, the carnival will have competitors and supervising staff only. A COVID safety plan has already been submitted to the venue.
- Year 7 CAMP is anticipated to go ahead – abiding by COVID safety restrictions.
- We will be able to hold our Moorebank High School Community Focus Group meeting (limit of 30 people) after school.

All students should be either:

- at school
- at home because they are currently unwell
- at home due to self-isolation requirements at home because they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition.

As such, due to the unprecedented and uncertain times ahead of us, applications for **extended leave – travel will not be granted in 2021.**

I will continue to monitor and plan for any changes in local circumstances that may arise, including changes in health advice or local restrictions.

The school will continue with its hygiene practices, including all visitors/parents entering the school signing the visitors acknowledgement form.

I encourage you all to download the NSW School Updates app to ensure that you are notified when schools are closed due to a crisis.

Please be mindful that as principal I need to make decisions based on the information provided and with the safety of students, staff and the school community as the highest priority.

I should be receiving further updates at the end of January 2021, and will be communicating any updates prior to school commencing in 2021.

Wishing you and your families the best for the year ahead.

Kind regards,

Vally Grego

Principal

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