



Reaching Higher

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Welcome to Cameron's Corner

UPDATE

As I said on Monday I sincerely wish to thank everyone for how you have come together during this time. I appreciate the difficulties it is causing at your home, as it is mine and that of our staff but the support we have given and received is a true testament to the Mentone Park spirit.

Today we began the first rollout of video conferences between staff and students. Whilst at school I was able to see a few conferences in action and whilst there were a few technical glitches, none of them were caused by user error due to the wonderful way our staff worked with their small groups and guided them through. We have been informed that there have been some state wide issues regarding video and sound connectivity but that is being addressed at a Department of Education level.

Next week our junior school will join the fun and have the chance to catch up with friends and their teachers. Don't forget to log into Google Classroom where the link will be posted just before the scheduled start time.

ON SITE SUPERVISION

Please remember that when students are on site they are supervised to complete the online learning, just as they would do at home. There is no direct teaching and staff have been instructed to maintain social distancing measures. This measure is only in place where families have no other option as the Victorian Government wishes to minimise movement outside the home. Whilst the spread of the virus has slowed, research tells us that the fear is a second wave of infection may lead to this extending over a longer period of time.

If you are scheduled to attend on site but your circumstances change please email the school as we are required to take accurate attendance figures daily.

MOTHERS DAY

On behalf of everyone here we would like to wish all of the mums, grandmas, aunts and special ladies a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday. We understand it will be different but the love and care we have for you will only increase as the days go by.

I know at my house we have already scheduled pancakes and hot chocolate But only after a good sleep in. Whatever tradition happens at your housePlease have a great day.



ENROLMENT FOR 2021

It may seem strange to be asking for enrolment forms this early and in the current climate but we have been receiving a number of enquires and bookings for tours already. If you know of anyone who is looking to start school next year please ask them to get in touch. I am offering socially distanced school tours and personalised phone calls for any families interested in our great school.

COMPASS DOCUMENT STORAGE

Some parents have noted that after a period of time, generally a week, some Compass posts will disappear. This can be frustrating when you need to download a form or access a sheet so I have set up a Community Section for the permanent storage of school documentation. Simply follow the links described below and you will see a number of recently posted documents. If there are things that you would like to see there please let us know and we will make them available.

The image contains two screenshots of the Compass website interface. The top screenshot shows the main dashboard with a 'Community' dropdown menu open, listing 'Conferences (formerly PST)' and 'School Documentation'. The bottom screenshot shows the 'School Documentation' page with a file explorer view of documents like 'Transition to Secondary School', 'How to find your local network', '6-7 Transition Pack in April', 'On-line Learning', and 'Accessing Google Meets'.

Kind Regards,
Cameron.

All parents/guardians, visitors & volunteers to the school MUST sign in & out of the school and display their WWCC in a lanyard, which is available at the school office.

The Department of Education requires any person involved in an activity where children may be present to have a current WWCC or have supplied proof that they have applied for a WWCC with the Department of Justice. All schools are required to comply with the Working with Children Act 2005.

Volunteers are expected to carry the WWCC card on their person at all times when working or volunteering at the school or during school related activities.

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