



Mentone Park Primary School



Welcome to Cameron's Corner

Following the announcements by the Premier last Sunday, we have been waiting patiently to hear from DET about the changes that will be implemented at our school.

On Wednesday night we were provided with the Operations Guide to inform the Last Step approach to COVID-19 restrictions. The Term 4 Operations Guide supports schools to make an effective transition back to on-site schooling and to continue to operate safely and effectively.

We have provided some FAQs to assist the Last Step at Mentone Park Primary School

Are students required to attend school?

All students are now expected to attend on site.

Exceptions may exist for medically vulnerable students. It is recommended that parents/carers of students with complex medical needs seek advice from the student's medical practitioner to support decision-making about whether on-site education is suitable.

Arriving / Departing school.

To ensure consistency with physical distancing measures, students and families should not be permitted to congregate at the school gate before or after school and will be required to maintain 1.5 metres between each other as far as is practicable at the start and end of the school day.

Can I access the school grounds?

Limitations on who can visit school premises no longer apply from Monday 30th November, however school activities involving visitors must comply with gathering limits for community facilities (group limit of 20 people indoors and 50 people outdoors).

Visitors to school grounds must comply with physical distancing and a face mask must be worn when indoors. We will encourage good hand hygiene.

To support contact tracing, we will keep a record of all staff, students and visitors who attend on-site for more than 15 minutes. We will record the name, contact details, date, and time of attendance at school, as well as the areas of the school that the person attended. COMPASS will be used as an existing mechanisms such as visitor sign-in procedures, student attendance records and staffing rosters to record this information.

Can the school provide school tours?

Yes, we can conduct on-site school tours for prospective students and their families during operating hours, in accordance with gathering limits.

I have a Prep child starting in 2021, will there be an on-site transition day?

Yes, Kinder-to-school transition activities are permitted at MPPS, such as parents, educators and children meeting a Prep teacher in a school environment. Group sizes should not exceed gathering limits (20 people indoors and 50 outdoors). Transition Days occurred this week with parent and student sessions and a 2021 “Meet The Teacher” session is set for Monday Dec 16 @ 2:30. This will be confirmed with new families via a separate email.

I have a Grade 6 child transitioning into secondary in 2021, will they be attending on Tuesday 8th December?

Primary to secondary school transition activities can resume. This includes Grade 6 students and their teacher or parents meeting Year 7 educators in the secondary school environment. Group sizes should not exceed gathering limits (20 people indoors and 50 outdoors).

Statewide Orientation Day for Year 6 students – Tuesday December 8

Orientation Day events can go ahead in an adapted form. Programs must be adapted, with all arrangements in line with public health advice:

- Students must be allocated into a single class-size group for the day (maximum of 30 people, including two staff).
- There are no limits to the total number of groups on site at each school. Groups may include students from more than one school. However, these groups must not mix.
- Your child’s secondary school will provide you with relevant information when available.

Can Face-to-face year level assemblies, graduations and other school gatherings can occur at full capacity if they are exclusively attended by students and staff only?

Graduation ceremonies, assemblies and other school gatherings (e.g. school sports) on school sites involving external guests are subject to a gathering limit (including students, staff and visitors) of 150 indoors or 300 outdoors, with a density quotient of one per 4m² applicable to staff and visitors/parents.

Arrangements for our Graduation ceremony has been communicated to our Year 6 families and updates will be provided.

All schools are required to follow public health directions and apply the operational health and safety advice to schools during large events.

Will my child be allowed to drink from a drinking fountain?

Drinking fountains and taps will be reopened for normal use.

Flushing of taps will be implemented prior to use for drinking as metals can dissolve into drinking water from plumbing fittings, particularly where water has been sitting stagnant in plumbing for long periods of time.

What are the guidelines for wearing a mask?

Face masks are not required for staff and primary aged students in class. If parents waiting outside are able to socially distance then masks do not need to be worn.

Will my child be able to participate sporting activities at school?

Indoor and outdoor contact and non-contact sport can resume.

In line with community advice, reasonable precautions are still advised to reduce the risk of coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission in the context of sport and recreation.

Outdoor facilities are recommended for physical education and recreational play where possible.

Hand hygiene must be practised before and after use of any sporting equipment.

Kind Regards,
Cameron.

MPPS Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

Monday 30 Whole School Transition Session 1 10 am – 11 am

DECEMBER

Monday 7 Whole School Transition Session 2 10 am – 11 am

Tuesday 8 Statewide Year 6 to Year 7 Transition Day

Wednesday 9 Grade 5/6 Bounce Excursion

Monday 14 Whole School Transition Session 3 10 am – 11 am
It is during this session that students will meet their teacher for 2021.

Wednesday 16 Grade 6 Graduation Celebrations



Thursday 17 Grade 6 “Big Day Out”

Friday 18 Last Day Term 4, 1.30pm dismissal



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2nd WEEK OF DECEMBER:

Monday 7th, 5.30-7pm: Intermediates 14 - 17 years

Tuesday 8th, 6-7.30pm: Juniors 11- 13 years

Wednesday 9th, 6.30-7.30pm: Seniors 17 and over

Thursday 10th, 5-6pm: Sub Juniors 8-10 Years

Saturday 12th 9.30-10.30am: Tinies 3-7 years

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