



# Enter to Learn, Go out to Serve

## Information about the Start of Summer Term, 2022

**The first day of school is: Monday 31 January 2022**

### **COVID-19 Protocols for Parents and visitors to the Campus**

Two parents or carers of new students will be permitted to enter the designated area on campus in Kindergarten. Parents must wear a face mask.

Current parents will not be permitted on site unless previously invited.

## KINDERGARTEN (Junior School)

### Monday 31 January - First day of school

- Children who attended Transition in 2021 will commence the School year at 8.45am. Please meet at the Welcome Tent near the Junior School car park where there will be staff to guide you. From Day 2 onwards the School day will begin at 8.25am each day.
- Children who are **new** to Macarthur Anglican School in 2022 will commence at **9.00am**, please meet at the Welcome Tent near the Junior School car park.
- Parents will be unable to enter the classroom.
- Students are to wear their uniform on the first day. The School Sport uniform to be worn on Wednesdays only.
- Students are to bring their own recess and lunch, and fruit or vegetables for fruit break – limited canteen facilities will be available on this day.
- Please also pack in your child's bag their School jumper, School hat, paint smock and spare underwear. Please ensure your child's bag and all items are clearly labelled.
- In accordance with our COVID safe plan, parents should depart the campus immediately after farewelling their child.

### Tuesday 1 February and following days

From this day onwards the School day will begin at 8.25am each day. Students will need to be dropped off at the Kiss and Drop area and will be escorted by a staff member to the playground.

Normal lessons begin at 8.25am and continue to be staggered in the afternoon to conclude at 2.15pm each day.

It is important to remember that our T-6 students are the least vaccinated people in our community and will continue to require our collective care to ensure their continued good health and well-being.

To facilitate social distancing amongst parents AND to continue smooth traffic flows each afternoon, the early departure times will apply as follows:

- T-2 students will be released from class at 2.15pm. Any siblings of these students in Years 3-6 should also leave class at this time and depart as a family together. Students will wait on the benches for their parents.
- Years 3-6 students will be released from class at 2.30pm. Students will wait on the benches for their parents.

Families are encouraged to quickly collect their children and depart the campus as soon as possible. There must be no mingling with other families or their children. We understand that there are some families who find the changed times difficult to manage. Please inform the Heads of School Office if this applies to you and our Heads of School will assist in the management of any likely delay in collection.

## ENTERING, PARKING AND LEAVING THE SCHOOL

The safety of the children moving around the school grounds is of paramount importance. The speed limit within the school grounds is 20.

**You are asked to exercise extreme caution at all times when entering, driving on and leaving the school property**, in view of the volume of traffic we experience in the morning and the afternoon peak periods. On the first day bear in mind that the morning is especially busy, **please deliver your child and leave as soon as possible to ease congestion.**



*Please keep the Disabled Parking free.*

## UNIFORM SHOP AND CAFÉ MACARTHUR

### Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open. Parents are encouraged to book appointments or make contactless purchases wherever possible. To avoid a lengthy wait, it is unwise to present to the Uniform Shop for a new uniform fitting without an appointment. Please avoid trying to make purchases on the first day of school.

Open from 8.00am - 4.00pm Monday to Friday (closed on the Australia Day holiday, Wednesday 26 January).

Orders can be placed online with Flexischools or over the phone/by email. Should you need any uniform items please call 4629 6243 to book a convenient day/time. Please remember that this is a busy period for the Uniform Shop.

### Café Macarthur

Open on Monday 31 January - Friday 4 February 2022 from 8.00am to 3.00pm, and from Monday 7 February 2022 normal hours of 7.00am to 4.00pm.

## **BUS SERVICES OPERATED BY MACARTHUR ANGLICAN SCHOOL**

All relevant parents will be emailed appropriate timetables.

Parents should be aware of possible unavoidable disruptions to this service throughout the term. It is very likely, at some point in the term, that our drivers will be forced to isolate on account of COVID-19 regulations. We do not have a large pool of drivers and replacing them at short notice will not be possible. In such instances the service will be suspended and parents will need to find alternative transport arrangements for their child(ren).

You will be notified of any cancellation first through a text sent by the driver to your mobile phone. This will be followed up by a school email in the morning to update you. It could be that the service will need to be suspended for 7 days depending on the reason the driver is unavailable.

Please understand that such inconveniences will be outside Macarthur's control. We will seek to minimise disruptions as much as possible.

Timothy Cartwright

**Dean of Students**

24 January 2022