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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! As you may already know, the NSW Government has updated its COVID-19 advice: **parents and carers can now be welcomed back on the school site while continuing to remain COVID-safe.**

We are hoping for a more settled year as we move into the next phase of our response to COVID-19. The past 12 months have been an important reminder to us all of how much we value the participation of parents and carers in our school communities.

Here's what's changed:

- Parents and carers can enter the school to drop off and pick up students in accordance with local school arrangements
- Parents and/or community members can gather for school events. This includes Open Days
- **Anyone attending a school site must continue to comply with the gathering limits prescribed by the Public Health Orders, and physical distancing and hygiene measures**
- All visitors to a school site need to comply with sign-in arrangements including checking in using the Service NSW QR codes
- School orientation and transition programs, (as well as school open days) can proceed, but these events must continue to follow COVID-19 safety guidelines
- School activities such as singing, music and drama performances and P&F meetings can take place, following COVID-19 safety protocols
- Parents and carers can attend school sporting events and activities, whether indoors or outdoors, in line with the requirements in place for other community sporting competitions and training activities
- Inter-school activities can continue to take place.

Your child's school is aware of the protocols required for holding these events.

About Physical Distancing

- Students are now able to mix together across year groups or other cohorts for all school-related activities.
- Parents and carers are asked to continue to physically distance from one another and from staff during school pick-up and drop-off.

Please continue to take a cautious approach to COVID-19. If you or your child have any of the symptoms of COVID-19, please get tested and provide the negative test result to the school before returning.

Thank you for your continued support. Your school will continue to keep you updated.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G B Whitby', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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