



Gillieston Public School

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Gillieston Update – 4 May 2020

Dear Families,

Due to the wild winds on the weekend, we have commenced Week 2 with the need to do a yard clean-up due to a number of broken branches in the playground. Fortunately, no damage was caused however I will be discussing with Assets Management the need to assess the trees in the school to identify any potential risks.

In line with the guidelines determined by the Department of Education, commencing next Monday, we move into Phase 1 of the gradual return to school program. This phase will see students encouraged to return to school at least one day per week. To enable our school to manage numbers and restrict over-crowding, students will be returning in their house groups. This will mean that approximately 25% of students will return **in addition** to those already attending.

Our proposed schedule is:

Monday - DAWSON

Tuesday - GILLIES

Wednesday - MAXWELL

Thursday - WALSH

Attendance on these days is voluntary and up to families to determine whether their child attends. If you determine to keep your child at home they should still engage with our online learning programs and work-packs.

Based on today's figure of 56 attendees, we would be expecting approximately 100 students to be in attendance on each of the four days during Monday to Thursday next week.

Specific enhanced cleaning of the school has commenced this week with an additional cleaner completing duties between 11am – 1pm. This includes wiping down frequently touched areas such as door handles and railings, as well as additional toilet cleaning. As a school, we continue to encourage students to follow good hygiene procedures including sneezing into a tissue or elbow, avoiding excessive touching of others, and regular cleansing of hands.

Our classes will be continuing to trial ZOOM sessions throughout this week. A timetable has been distributed to teachers specifying an allocated time each day to run their session with their class. This has been prepared in consideration where families may only have one device to share between multiple students. Please keep a look out for more information regards joining ZOOM sessions and protocols for these sessions that will be posted via SeeSaw and Schoolzine.

A reminder that work packs are available for those that require them from the verandah outside the front office. They can be picked up on any day of the week are available throughout school hours.

Stay safe

Mr Crowe