



## Gillieston PS Update – Tuesday 5 May 2020

Dear Families,

In line with the guidelines determined by the Department of Education, commencing Monday 11 May 2020, 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.

During morning drop-off, parents are asked to “Kiss & Go” rather than walk students to the gate. Your child knows that they need to move into the school and once inside they quickly work out where they need to move to – generally under the COLA. At the end of the day, we again ask that parents stay near their vehicles and allow your children to come to you.

We have three gates at school which we refer to as the Front Gate (Northview Street); Back Gate (Gillieston Road) and Bus Gate (Ryan’s Road). We encourage pick-up from Front Gate during this period; however, can arrange for alternates if parent request a different gate.

The school has been supplied with a COVID Kit from the Department of Education which includes personal protection equipment, sanitizer and a digital thermometer. We also have regular day time cleaning occurring to help increase the level of sanitation throughout the school.

To help our students engage in physical activity we have arranged with Sport in Schools Australia to provide two x one-hour sessions each week for the next fortnight. The schedule that has been developed is designed to ensure that students attending on just one day have exposure to this great, healthy program.

Even though management of our current student cohort is our main focus at the moment, we are very conscious of the need to prepare for the future. We will be publicising the popular, “Going to Gillo” program very soon through our social media platforms. If you know of anyone that may be interested please advise them to keep a look out for this information.

Thanks again for all of your support. Enjoy the rest of the week and stay safe.

Mr David Crowe