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Dear Emmaus families,

Re: COVID-19 (coronavirus) update #23

Welcome back everyone!

Here is the first COVID update for 2021.

Entering the school site

Parents, visitors and service providers may enter school grounds, however physical distancing must be strictly adhered to and density limits still apply. For these reasons, parents will not be able to enter school buildings. We understand that we have many new students who may need to be settled by a parent. In these instances, parents may briefly enter the classrooms. Of course, on the first day back (Wednesday 27th January), all students are required to bring their labelled books back to school and some will need help carrying these packs to class. This will be okay for the first day but we ask parents not to linger in buildings and to maintain social distancing when speaking to each other in the yard.

What will go ahead

- Assemblies will happen but only for students at this stage as our space doesn't allow for parents to attend. We are hopeful this will change during the year sometime.
- Sports Day will go ahead on the last day of this term (9th April). We are awaiting further advice regarding the number of people in total, on our site which will determine whether we will be able to have families and friends at this event.
- Excursions and camps intra-state will go ahead. Interstate camps won't. We are planning for our Year 6 Canberra Trip in 2022.
- Playgroup can go ahead.

QR Codes

There will be a QR Code for all site visitors to scan, as they enter the school grounds. ALL parents and visitors will be required to scan the code, each time they come to site. The process of allocating codes to school is still being co-ordinated by the Department of Education in conjunction with SA Health. We will have them in place as soon as we receive them and we will need everyone to do the right thing and scan them as necessary. Please note, the QR Code will not replace the sign in procedure at the Front Office for visitors accessing the site during the day. The QR Code is expressly for quick contact tracing in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak. Normal visitor registration is for safety considerations on site.

Requirements that will stay in place

- It is important that students, staff and family members stay home if they are unwell
- Adults must continue to practise physical distancing when on site
- Regular handwashing and sanitising will continue for all students and staff and additional cleaning will continue for classrooms
- Sanitiser will be available in classrooms and in the Front Office and Staff Room
- Drink fountains may only be used to fill water bottles. We ask families to ensure students all have a full water bottle each day to reduce the likelihood of students drinking from the fountains, directly.

All the news

All COVID-19 updates have been saved to our website where you will also find copies of any other parents notes.

<https://www.emmaus.catholic.edu.au/news-events/covid-19-emmaus-updates>

Stay cool - I look forward to seeing you all, next week.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catherine Gurr." The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Catherine Gurr

Principal

21st January 2021