

8<sup>th</sup> February 2022



ST ANDREW'S  
Catholic Primary School

Dear Parents/Guardians

We refer to our correspondence to you yesterday which has now been updated. The Minister for Education, together with the Chief Health Officer, have issued further directives related to schools which are **effective immediately**. These new protocols are in place to ensure schools can operate safely in the current environment.

As a result of this announcement, we now advise that the following protocols will be in place at St Andrew's CPS:

- Parents will be permitted on school sites for drop-off and pick-up in outdoor locations only
- Parents are not permitted inside classrooms
- Parents should primarily contact the school by phone or email and should only attend the school office in rare cases
- All interviews between staff and parents will take place over the phone or via seesaw/email
- Please avoid gathering on school sites
- Mask wearing for parents is required outdoors where physical distancing cannot be maintained.

The directives also prohibit us from conducting indoor face-to-face events, camps and also require us to limit the contact between year groups.

As a result of these directives, we advise that unfortunately we are required to **cancel** the following events in Term 1:

- All Assemblies
- All scheduled Masses (please note that on Ash Wednesday, the teachers will conduct a short service in their classrooms and administer the ashes that Father Darek will deliver to school)
- Sacramental Parent Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2022
- Aqua Fun Day
- Swimming Lessons (Parents, if you already paid this account with your school fees we will arrange a refund)
- Year 6 Camp including the parent meeting (Year 6 parents – please note that you will receive a separate letter regarding this today)
- Year 6 Lightning Carnival
- Easter Assembly
- Reconciliation Commitment Masses: parent choice whether to attend

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- Reconciliation workshop (22<sup>nd</sup> February). Instead, this will be conducted by teachers during school time and unfortunately, parents will not be permitted to attend
- Sacrament of Reconciliation: this will proceed in our School Hall on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 11am. Unfortunately, at this stage, no parents will be permitted to attend.

As always, please ensure that if your child is unwell, they do not attend school.

Please note that this advice is current as at today and is subject to change as this is an evolving situation. Please stay connected via our Newsletters, Seesaw and Facebook pages for updates as we prioritise the safety of the students and minimize the impact on learning programs. If you have not connected to Seesaw, please do so immediately.

Please be assured that we will endeavour to maintain safety and consistency for your children and our staff and will continue to provide clarity of communication as we move forward.

Kind regards

The Leadership Team