



COVID-19 SAFETY

YEAR 3-6 INFORMATION

As outlined in *The Hutchins School: Returning to school safely* information already sent, in order to minimise the risks of infection, **parents and carers will not be allowed to enter any part of the School site without a prior appointment through our Reception staff.** We are also staggering finish times to allow for less congestion and to help with adhering to physical distancing recommendations.

Mornings

A **stop, drop and go** principle will apply for all students arriving at school by car. School gates will be open to boys from 8.00am and additional duty staff will support this process.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation and patience as we transition to this new drop off routine.

Afternoons

We will have a staggered pick up time for the afternoon as follows:

- **Year 3: 3.00pm**
- **Year 4: 3.05pm**
- **Year 5: 3.10pm**
- **Year 6: 3.15pm**

Boys being collected by car will meet parents/carers at the Junior School gate or another location *off site* arranged with your son.

If altered collection times present a problem for you, please contact Outside School Hours Care at oshc@hutchins.tas.edu.au.

Illness

Due to a heightened sense of concern and the need for vigilance around transmission of illness, children who are even very mildly unwell *must be kept at home* until fully recovered. If your son shows any signs of being unwell while at school, you will be contacted by phone and he will need to be collected immediately.

Late arrival and/or leaving school during the day

If your son is arriving late to school or needs to leave early during the day due to an appointment, illness, etc. please wait at the Junior School gate and phone 6221 4269 and a staff member will meet you at the gate. Boys entering without a parent/carer must advise Junior School Reception of their late arrival.

Hygiene

In addition to increased hand hygiene throughout the day, communal water fountains will not be in use.

Physical distancing

Physical distancing will be encouraged, but expectations will vary based on student age and classroom setting – where practical, teachers will adjust their classrooms by moving furniture. Access to shared play and eating areas will be modified. Year groups have been allocated specific entry and exit points to the Junior School building to minimise congestion. Large gatherings will not occur and will be replaced where possible with streamed online events such as assemblies and chapel services.

Returning devices and home learning materials



For Year 3, Chromebooks and chargers should return to school on Monday. Years 4-6 boys will initially bring their device and charger to and from school each day for the first two weeks – reconnection of classroom charging stations will be co-ordinated during Weeks 5 and 6. Books and other learning materials should all be returned on Monday.

Normal scheduled classes

Timetabled lessons will commence from Monday. Some specialist lessons and rehearsals will be modified – any changes to your son's individual lessons will be communicated directly to you.

Library books

Any library books being returned to school will be separated and quarantined for a day, as advised by peak library organisations, before being placed in the library for any further borrowing.

Canteen

Canteen ordering for lunches will be available from Monday 25 May for Years 3-6 students. As noted in previous EdSmart advice, the canteen will be cashless and orders will need to be placed via the Flexischools app.

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