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DROP OFF / PICKUP – WEEK SIX

Good Afternoon Parents,

We are very much looking forward to our Year 2 – 6 students returning to Emmanuel next week. With the return of the entire student body, we would like to remind parents that due to COVID-19 restrictions, only essential personnel are to access the school grounds. For the safety of all members of the Emmanuel community, we ask that you carefully read the following information so as to ensure a smooth transition next week:

- Prep and Year One parents **ONLY** (without Year 2 – 6 siblings / HSC siblings) are **strongly encouraged** to continue the use of our Stop, Drop and Go facility from the earlier time of **2.45pm** each afternoon. Emmanuel staff will continue to provide extra supervision in this area at both morning and afternoon drop-off. This arrangement will be reviewed in two weeks' time.
- ALL remaining families are asked to delay pick-up until **after 3.00pm**. **PLEASE DO NOT QUEUE BEFORE THIS TIME**. This will allow these older students sufficient time to make their way to the collection point, and minimise your wait time in the queue. If you arrive earlier than 3.00pm we ask that you park in the angle parks provided within this area.
- With the remainder of our student body returning next week, it is to be expected that there could be some “teething problems” related to the extra volume of traffic using our Stop, Drop, Go facility. We ask for your patience and co-operation to ensure the safety of all.
- When using the Stop, Drop, and Go area please remember to:
 - Adhere strictly to the 10 km/h speed limit
 - Please ensure your laminated school name-card is clearly displayed on your sunvisor so that teachers can easily call for your child as quickly as possible
 - Ensure your child is ready for drop-off in the morning (bag packed; shoes on; hat on head, etc)
 - Move to the angle parks if your child is late or you need to buckle your child into their car-seat, rather than holding up the whole line. **Please DO NOT vacate your car.**
 - We remind you to be considerate of the residents and shopkeepers along Tolcher St and Pioneer St. Please do not block driveways or access to these properties.
- Have you considered your child catching the bus? This is a great option, particularly for older children. The Emmanuel Bus stop is supervised until the last bus leaves each afternoon.

- Emmanuel has a reciprocal arrangement with Holy Spirit College in regards to drop off / collection of students. This means that if you have older children currently attending HSC, younger Emmanuel siblings are able to be collected from the front of the Father Bucas Centre each afternoon. Please ensure that you remind your children of the importance of adhering to the instructions given by the HSC teachers.
- You are welcome to park in the short term carpark opposite HSC for ease of collection of your children. Should you choose to collect your child near the red bridge, you may utilise the concrete path running parallel to the school fence.
- Parents are able to park along Baxter Drive opposite the Bus Zone to drop off / collect children (please **DO NOT** park in the Bus Zone). Students can access this area across the bridge and along the designated walkway (pictured below). Please note: if your child is dropped off or meeting you along Baxter Drive, they **MUST** use the pedestrian crossing, supervised by our Lollypop Lady, so as to enable the safe crossing of this busy road. If you are collecting your child from the bus area **PLEASE DO NOT CROSS THE ROAD IN FRONT OF THE BUS SHELTER NOR DIRECT YOUR CHILD TO DO SO**. This is highly dangerous, and classroom teachers will be addressing this issue on Monday morning with their classes.



Thank you once again for your continued support of the school. If these simple procedures are followed, then our pickup zones will certainly be more free-flowing and safer for all members of our school community.

Kind regards,

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Principal