



2020 'FLYING START' TRANSITION PROGRAM COVID-19 ADJUSTMENTS

Hi Everyone,

After much consultation with the Catholic Education Office Sandhurst (Bendigo) as to the guidelines and protocols around transition programs for Term 4 2020, it has been decided that the Holy Rosary Flying Start program will go ahead as normal, with tight COVID -19 protocols in place.

The dates and times for Term 4 'Flying Start' are as follows:

Friday 16 October	8:45am – 10:45am
Friday 30 October	8:45am – 10:45am
Friday 13 November	8:45am – 10:45am
Friday 27 November	8:45am – 10:45am

When attending 'Flying Start' could the children please:

- *Dress like they would when they are attending preschool.*
- *Bring along a snack, ie. piece of fruit, and their own drink bottle.*

Mrs Prue Harris and Mrs Angela Fiske-Keely, our current F/1 teachers will run 'Flying Start' with the occasional assistance of other Holy Rosary staff.

This program is open to any preschool child who is beginning school next year free of charge, but we do ask that your child is registered with the school prior to the start of the program by emailing the office at - admin@hrheathcote.catholic.edu.au

The program has been very popular for many years and with additional restrictions placed on schools currently due to COVID-19 it is essential that we have your booking by **Wednesday 14 October**.

COVID-19 has presented some additional challenges for Holy Rosary to host 'Flying Start' this year, but we are intent on making this school familiarisation program happen for the preschool children of Heathcote and district.

Due to COVID-19 we will be implementing the special instructions listed below:

- **Drop off and pick up will happen in the school car park**, where cars will enter the middle gate and park in the bays provided.
- Parents are welcome to walk their preschool child to the gathering space where the teachers will be. This will be away from the school drop off zone.
- Families who have both school age children and a Flying Start child will be required to drop their school children off through the drive through then go out on the road and re-enter the carpark for Flying Start.

- Staff will be in the car park to greet parents and kinder kids.
- Unfortunately schools are operating under a '**Non Essential Visitors**' restriction and that includes parents and guardians, so there will be no parents/guardians allowed past this point.
- Whoever is responsible for the dropping off and picking up of each preschool child will need to sign an attendance record sheet each time which will be at the drop off point.
- Holy Rosary has strong protocols in place around reinforcing good hygiene practices, ie. use of hand sanitizer and the 'Flying Start' children will follow these same protocols.
- 'Flying Start' children will not be mingling with Holy Rosary children and will learn for the two hours in the Club House or under the COLA.

I am looking forward to seeing you on 16 October and please call the school on 54332057 or email myself on pdullard@hrheathcote.catholic.edu.au if you need to know more information.

Please be aware that during these uncertain times, directives and guidelines provided to us by the CEO and relevant Ministers can change very quickly. If there is any alteration to the above we will ensure you are updated promptly.

Kind regards,

Paul Dullard
Principal