

# Maitland Lutheran School

Enriching Education – Embracing Community



"Feed My Lambs" John 21:15

21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

## 2022 START OF YEAR – STATIONERY / UNIFORM / CHROMEBOOK COLLECTION

Dear Families,

Thank you for reading all previous updates and working with the school to make the unusual start to the 2022 School Year as smooth as possible. There is some important information in this update pertinent to the start of school that I hope will provide a clear roadmap for you over the coming weeks.

The current arrangements I will detail are certainly different to how we hoped 2022 would start. They are however based on advice for protecting our students, staff and community. Experience from the last two years gives me great confidence that we can all adapt to achieve the best possible learning outcomes for the students given the changing circumstances.

### Essential Workers

Students of Essential Workers will be supervised on site while they engage in online learning with their peers. If you are wishing to send a student who is not in Foundation, Year 1, Year 7 or Year 8 at any time in the first 2 weeks (from 3<sup>rd</sup> February until 11<sup>th</sup> February), due to essential work, please register for Principal approval by emailing the following address:- [carolyn.field@mls.sa.edu.au](mailto:carolyn.field@mls.sa.edu.au). Please list student name/s, year level and days you would require them to attend. This will help us staff appropriately. Students are expected to attend in Sports Uniform

### Maitland Lutheran School Bus Service

We will be running our buses from 3<sup>rd</sup> February for Essential Workers and students in Foundation, Year 1, Year 7 & Year 8. MASKS WILL BE MANDATORY FOR ALL STUDENTS TRAVELLING ON MAITLAND LUTHERAN SCHOOL BUSES. Please ensure your child understands their obligation for the safety of others on the bus and supply your child with a mask. **We ask that ALL students wishing to use our MLS buses from Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February till Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February, to register their intention to the following email:- [carolyn.field@mls.sa.edu.au](mailto:carolyn.field@mls.sa.edu.au).**

### Visitors to Maitland Lutheran School & Drop off / Pick up of Students

Due to current regulations parents will not be permitted on the school site. An exemption has been made for Foundation and Year 1 students on the first day of term when some brief initial settling may be required (see below for further clarification). Only essential visitors as per the Government Direction from December 2021 will be allowed. All visitors (as with school staff) must have received minimum of 2 doses of the Therapeutic Goods Association approved COVID-19 vaccination. Medical exemptions will only be approved if endorsed by the Chief Public Health Officer.

Parents dropping off or collecting children must do so at the front gate, church carpark gate or drop off zone only.

Parents accessing the OSHC service should have received their instructions for drop off and pick up of children.

## Uniform

The process for Uniform purchases has now changed.

Uniform purchases for **students in year levels commencing face-to-face learning** (F, Yr 1, Yr 7 & Yr 8), **and new students to the school only**, will be able to be made on the allocated days of Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January, Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February between 9:30am and 4:00pm. Please enter from the School's front gates and proceed to the undercover area. Restrictions on numbers must be adhered to and you may need to wait outside the school gates (social distancing) if too many people are present. Masks must be worn. If you already know your child's size and uniform requirements it would be appreciated if you email [info@mls.sa.edu.au](mailto:info@mls.sa.edu.au) with the day you wish to collect, and we will ensure your order is packed and left for collection in the undercover area (you will be phoned for payment prior to collection). **THIS IS ONLY FOR THOSE STUDENTS COMMENCING FACE-TO-FACE LEARNING AND ANY NEW STUDENTS TO THE SCHOOL.**

Uniform for students who are **beginning the term online learning** will be by appointment during the week of Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Please phone 88322288 to book. Blocks of half hour appointments and restrictions of numbers in the office area will apply. Again, if you already know the size and uniform requirements you may email your order to [info@mls.sa.edu.au](mailto:info@mls.sa.edu.au) with the day during that week that you will collect. You will be phoned for payment prior to collection.

## Stationery Packs / Remote Learning Material / Chromebooks

The process for collection of Stationery Packs etc has now changed.

Stationery for students in the year levels commencing face-to-face learning will now be given to them on the first day of term, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

Stationery and remote/online learning equipment for students in year levels commencing online learning will be available for collection on the original allocated days of Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January, Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February between 9:30am and 4:00pm. This will be made available from the Church Carpark. Enter via Osmond Terrace, remain in your car and MLS Staff will attend to you and deliver your gear. If there is a large number of cars in the line up, please be patient, we are doing our best.

*Therefore, basically:-*

- *if you commence online learning you collect your stationery (between 31<sup>st</sup> January and 2<sup>nd</sup> February) and make a booking for uniform (between 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February) or;*
- *if you commence face-to-face learning you purchase your uniform (between 31<sup>st</sup> January and 2<sup>nd</sup> February) and collect your stationery on the first day of school (3<sup>rd</sup> February).*

## Foundation & Year 1 – First Day of Term Only

As advised parents of students in Foundation and Year 1 are able to drop their child in to school on the first day of term, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, for an initial "settling time" if required. There will be designated spots onsite for this to occur for these two year levels. Parents will be asked to leave the school site by 9am. Parents may collect their child's stationery pack on this day, otherwise it will be sent home with their child. We acknowledge that again, this is different to previous years however we trust you understand the reason for these processes.

## Summary of Dates

WHEN	WHAT	HOW
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January to Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 9:30am-4pm</b>	Uniform purchases only for new students, and year levels commencing face-to-face learning (F, 1, 7 & 8)	Enter from the front school gates – all uniform will be accessed outside from the undercover area. Restricted numbers onsite, please be patient if waiting
	Stationery, online learning information & Chromebook collection for all students in years 2-6 and years 9-11.	<b>Collected from the Church Carpark.</b> Enter via Osmond Terrace, remain in your car and MLS Staff will attend to you and deliver your gear.
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Foundation, Year 1, Year 7 & Year 8	Return to face-to-face learning and Stationery Pack sent home on first day.  NO Lunch Ordering available.
	Year 2 – Year 6 Year 9 – Year 11	Remote/Online learning commences
	Essential Workers	Supervision available for children of essential workers (pre-approved) – students will access online learning resources.
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Uniform orders for Years 2-6 and Years 9-11	Email orders and your collection day to <a href="mailto:info@mls.sa.edu.au">info@mls.sa.edu.au</a> . Payment over the phone appreciated. Alternatively phone the school 88322288 to make an appointment.
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	All Year Levels	Expected to return to face-to-face learning

Due to current health advice, many events and activities that typically form part of our start of year programs will be postponed or moved online to a later date. We will continue to monitor the situation and will reschedule events where possible. Unfortunately, the Junior Primary Swimming Program for Term 1 will be cancelled.

### Lunch Ordering

There will be NO lunch ordering facility available for the first 2 weeks, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February. **Please send your child to school with a packed lunch.** We will update lunch ordering options for week 3, prior to Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February .

### Students Not Attending School When Eligible

The school will endeavour to provide some basics for these students in a format that is still being determined. Please understand that the Education sector has given priority to those eligible face-to-face learners and those students working online with their teachers.

## Safety

Our staff will be wearing masks at all times except when it interferes with explicit teaching. We ask all Year 7 – 11 students to do likewise when on site and also encourage our Year 3-6 students to wear masks when on site.

We have done an audit of the school's ventilation and have repaired and changed many windows, vents and flyscreens. Fresh air is the number 1 recommended tool for dealing with the virus. Our buses will travel with top vents open to allow for this even if it reduces the effectiveness of the air conditioner. As required, all staff are double vaccinated. We will be conducting most staff related meetings online, eating in small groups outside where possible and minimising gatherings within the school.

**It is of vital importance that no student attends school if they have symptoms of any sort. Please understand that if your child becomes unwell at school they will be isolated and need to be collected immediately.**

## Finally

I apologise for the volume of information we have dispensed to families already. Unfortunately in an environment where we have changing circumstances and are trying to minimise the number of people on site this is necessary. There will be more information as staff finalise online learning processes. I pray that God protects our community as we negotiate this different start to 2022 and sustains us all for the journey ahead. Please remember to smile when collecting your books and uniform – we will be! We are just connecting in a different way to other years.

Blessings,

**DAVID FIELD**  
Principal