

Cambridge Gardens Public School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

We are looking forward to a great 2024 at Cambridge Gardens Public School!

The following is some information regarding the first day back at school!

We apologise for the delay in sending this information out but have been awaiting advice in regards to some of the fencing around the school.

MORNING PROCEDURES

Children are to follow the same morning procedure as per normal.

All students will enter the school through Gate A, the gate at the top of the driveway from the Kiss and Drop zone. Unfortunately, our new area at the front of the school is still fenced off, so, as per last year, parents and carers are welcome to say goodbye to students at the gate or if you would like to wait with your child, sit under the COLA area in front of the library. All students without parents are to move to the teacher supervised area in Area 1 for 2023 Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2 or tiered grass area in Area 4 for our 2023 Years 3,4 and 5.

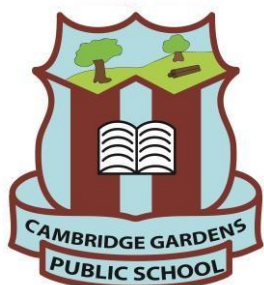
Teachers will be available around the Gate A in the morning to advise any boys and girls unsure of where to go. When the bell goes students are to line up in the last year's class line and they will be collected by their 2023 teacher and go to class. Any parents, who were waiting with their children under the COLA are to leave via Gate A.

CLASSES 2024

As always, our class structures are dependent on returning students and on new students arriving this year. As a school we are anticipating having 14 classes in 2024 but will not be able to form these classes until we are confident in our student numbers for the year. We may have a good idea tomorrow and be able to form our new classes during the day or we may need to wait and confirm student numbers. If we form our new classes throughout the day tomorrow, you will receive an email from your child's new teacher. If we are unable to form 14 classes tomorrow, we will send updated information around the temporary class structures.

AFTERNOON PROCEDURES

As you will be aware the school is not able to use the back gate due to the council fencing. We had been informed that the fencing would be removed today but it is still standing. For tomorrow and Friday, we will not use the back gate in the afternoon.



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For tomorrow and Friday all **Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2) students will exit the school through Gate C**, the gate adjoining the school carpark out onto the Council reserve. This is the same procedure that Stage 1 followed in 2023. **All Stage 2 and 3 students and their younger siblings will exit the school through Gate A**. Older brothers and sisters will as per normal procedures collect their younger siblings from their classrooms and then exit through the older student's gate. Our class teachers will talk with older siblings about the location of their younger brother's and sister's classroom throughout the day tomorrow.

All our staff will be available in the afternoon to support students and parents throughout the afternoon procedures. We anticipate this will lead to more congestion at the front of the school and ask everyone to take extra care and have extra patience throughout this week.

Even if the back gate becomes available to us throughout this week, we won't utilise until next week.

STUDENT EQUIPMENT

As you would have heard in the media, the Department of Education, has been reminding us all, that our classrooms have all the necessary supplies for all students to participate in all classroom activities. Many students do like to bring in their own equipment to use and students are most welcome to do this. If your child is bringing in their own pencil case, the list below indicates what would be the equipment they would utilise:

Years 1 and 2

Lead pencils, pencil sharpener, glue sticks and coloured pencils.

Years 3-6

Lead pencils, blue pens, black pens, red pens, coloured pencils, pencil sharpener, glue sticks, textas and a ruler.

All students

We ask that all students have an old shirt as a paint shirt and a library bag allowing them to borrow books. Many parents prefer to have their children bring in their own personal headphones for hygiene reasons and you are most welcome to send these in. These are more durable than ear buds

We would expect that most students will have their pencil case from last year and parents are welcome to refresh it if you choose when you have the opportunity. All our classrooms will have supplies of equipment as well.

Thanks for your support of our school. We look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow.

Be kind, and have a great day!

Adam Wynn

Principal

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