Building Safe and Supportive Routines

This information statement helps new families settle into regular routines around the school. Being a large school, we strive to have common practices across our wonderful school. The points listed will help us care, share and learn together.

Supporting Uniforms:

- Students wear school uniforms to build a strong sense of community.
- Black shoes and black or navy socks help to maintain high standards.
- Nail polish and jewellery is kept for non-school events or home activities. Clear gloss and earring studs can only be worn at school. Deputy Principals can assist with personal enquiries.

Contacting Classrooms:

- All parents and carers are encouraged to keep regular contact with their child’s teacher.
- When a question or concern arises, please contact teachers first so they are able to assist. They work directly with students so are in the best position to help.
- Sector leaders (Deputy Principals) are available if matters extend further than a classroom solution, but a team approach means this is rarely needed.
- Making interview times with teachers is helpful as they are often preparing work or attending meetings before and after school. School leaders like to spend time in classrooms regularly.
- To maximise learning times, telephone messages are limited to emergencies during teaching times.

Playgrounds:

- Students need to remain around classroom blocks or undercover areas before school commences.
- The main oval is not used before school to allow specialist teachers and grounds staff access for maintenance and setting up equipment.
- Playground equipment is used during supervised play, morning tea and lunch breaks. Junior play equipment is used by Outside School Care before and after school for students in their programs.
- Families are asked not to use the equipment before and after school as it complicates supervision by staff.

Safety Considerations:

- Dogs (except Assistance Dogs) are not to be at school, as students may have phobias or anxiety.
- Crossings and paths are provided to maximise safety. Car parks are busy places so always use marked exits and pathways, and keep children close.
- Parents are advised not to access internal carparks as students may be in the area or disability needs are catered for in these designated areas.

Mountain Creek State School strives to provide a vibrant and exciting education. This information is not intended to be restrictive, but aims to have approximately 1000 students from many families consistent in routines to promote safety while enjoying learning activities. Thanks for your ongoing support.