



## Welcome Back to Santa Clara School

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to the 2021 school year! It sure has not been the start we all expected, however, seeing the kids enter our gates this weeks brings so much joy to our staff and community. As we head into the start of the year, we thought we would forward you some important information to ensure a smooth transition for all of us here at Santa Clara School.

A special welcome to all our new families who join us at Santa Clara at the start of this year. We know these are exciting times, but also times of transition when coming to a new school. I know our students and their families will make you feel very much at home. If you need anything, please do not hesitate to ask. You will love the people who make us who we are as a school.

It has been great chatting to all the students about their break. What has been even more special for our staff is that they have noticed all the work that has been completed over the break including our exterior painting, new core value and welcome signage, new bag hooks, our new shade sail over the playground and our new whiteboards in all classrooms. All of these things have been done with our students in mind.

You may have also noticed our trees on the oval have been removed. This has been an ongoing issue with our neighbours and the School Advisory Council (School Board) have been working on this for a number of years. We will be working with the community in 2021 to plant new trees along our fence line away from neighbours' houses. Stay tuned for further information.

Our focus word for 2021 in our community is GROWTH. Growth can be defined as the process of developing physically, mentally and spiritually, or, the process on increasing in amount, value or importance. At the beginning of the year I discussed this word with our staff and as a collective our focus for 2021 is growth as individuals, growth as a collective group, and growth of each student.

In making our focus word growth, our staff have created this diagram as a summary of what we hold at the centre of all we do here at Santa Clara School. These eight words encompass our Vision for Learning and highlight our accountability to you. I am sure you will see this around our school throughout the year as we live them out in our teaching and learning.



### Parent Information Night Cancelled

We have made the decision to cancel our upcoming Parent Information Night due to our current directives regarding COVID-19. By the end of the week you will receive a Parent Information Booklet that highlights important information about your child's year level. As well as this, you will also receive a flyer that outlines the curriculum that is being covered this term. This year we are aiming for improved parent communication that is open and transparent and focussed on your child. Do not hesitate to make contact with your child's teacher should you need to discuss any aspect of their learning. Although we are maintaining social distancing at this time, prearranged



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meetings can still go ahead.

### **Before and After School Supervision**

- Before School Supervision starts at 8.25 am. Two areas will be supervised. The school oval and the undercover area. Please remember no balls in the undercover area before school.
- Before school there is one drop-off area at our Kiss and Drive on Coolgardie Street which operates from 8:20-8:45am for our students in Years 1 to 6. Kindy and Pre Primary Students entering through the Early Years gate on Palmerston Street must be accompanied by an adult.
- Tip for after school pick-up: Arrive around 3.10 pm and traffic delays are alleviated to some degree. Traffic around schools during peak times before and after school are a natural part of the day. I wish to thank parents in advance for your patience and courtesy. Please remember to avoid banking and blocking streets and maintain our left turn in and left turn out of our Kiss and Drive.

### **Before and After School Care**

- Before and After School Care is available for students in Kindy to Year 6 on-site every day of the school year, as well as during school holiday breaks.
- Please note numbers are restricted so please ensure you book in at all times.
- Details and enrolment forms are available on the school website.
- Please email Karen Kelly at [osc@santaclara.wa.edu.au](mailto:osc@santaclara.wa.edu.au) regarding any information required.
- Operates from 7.00 am to 9.00 am and 2.45 pm to 6.00 pm.

### **Uniform for Academic and Sport Days**

Sport uniform days will be allocated by classroom teachers during the first week of the year. Do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher for clarification.

I am very much looking forward to another successful year at Santa Clara School. Remember to look after yourselves as you transition back into the busyness of the school year.

Stay safe

Clinton Payne

**Principal**