

Important Dates

Thursday 14th February
SSG for Entry Students

Friday 15th February
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Wednesday 20th February
Special Events Meeting 9:30am
Reservoir Campus

2019 Term Dates

Term 1: 29th January to 5th April

Term 2: 23rd April to 28th June

Term 3: 15th July to 20th September

Term 4: 7th October to 19th
December

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Welcome back! All students and staff have settled back into routine and are enjoying the structure of school. It has been very pleasing to see students completing their work schedules and being so engaged in learning.

Student drop off and pick up at the Reservoir Campus

Students in rooms 1-10 are to be dropped off and picked up from the Gertz Ave gate. Students in rooms 11-23 are to be dropped off and picked up from the Robin Ave gate. Please walk your child into school, parents cannot drive into the school's carpark at any time as this is a safety risk to the students. Please make these transitions as quickly as possible as some students find it difficult to walk through large groups of people.

Student drop off and pick up at the Lalor Campus

Students in rooms 1-5 are to be dropped off and picked up from the front office. Students in rooms 6 - 9 are to be dropped off at the front office and picked up from the Lyndon street playground pedestrian gate.

Parents communicating to classroom teachers

I would like to remind all families that it does take teaching teams a few weeks to implement structures and routines that work for every student in the classroom. Where possible the teachers will write in the communication diary up to three times a week. If you have concerns, I encourage you to make a time with the classroom teacher or member of the leadership team to have a discussion. I will remind families when communicating with any staff members to please be respectful.

Whole School Positive Behaviour Support

Northern School for Autism has put significant resources toward whole school positive behaviour support (PBS) in recent years and, for this reason, I will use some of the future newsletter articles to provide an update of our PBS planning. I will attach the school rules to this newsletter – these rules will be displayed in the classrooms.

The essential understandings of PBS are that all behaviour has a purpose and that we need to understand the purpose and provide for the student's needs in positive and engaging ways. PBS looks to

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encourage rather than discourage. To reward as opposed to consequent.

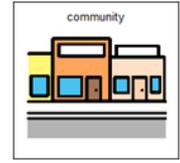
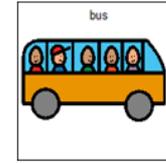
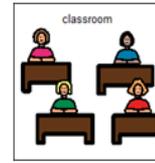
Staff have participated in online learning through a DET in-house professional development. This aimed to further establish Northern School for Autism's consistency in philosophy around the way we support our students, use tools to assess and address behaviours of concern and to focus on providing students with the skills to reduce the need for behaviours of concern.

Within the school's PBS documentation we confirm that planning in our school:

- Is based on data and observation
- Encourages students to perform at their best
- Is individualised
- Puts resources where they are needed
- Is proactive
- Provides flexibility in programming
- Finds ways to engage students in learning
- Is supportive of students with ASD
- Seeks consistency between the school and home through communication

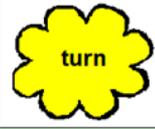
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Pamela Mathieson.

School Rules



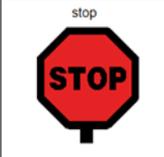
Be Friendly 

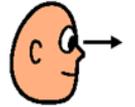
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take turns 

hands down 

Be Safe 

stop 

look 

listen 

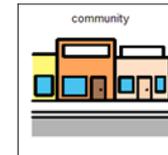
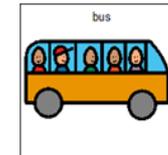
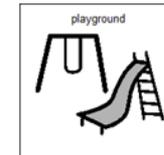
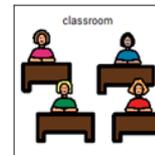
Listen 

still hands 

still feet 

quiet mouth 

School Rules



Be Friendly



- Talk nicely
- Play nicely
- Share and take turns
- Don't talk about others

Be Safe



- Hands to yourself
- Listen to and follow all instructions
- Stay calm
- Ask for a break

Listen



- Be quiet and stop what you're doing
- Be still - hands down and feet down
- Look at the person talking
- Wait for your turn

LISTEN



Listening is:
Looking at/facing the speaker.
Being quiet.
Following instructions.

BE FRIENDLY



Being Friendly is:
Helping others.
Talking nicely to people.
Listening to others.
Giving other people compliments.

BE SAFE



Being safe is:
Wearing safety equipment.
Being safe in the community.
Making safe choices online.
Using equipment and tools in a safe manner.