

### **Getting to and from Sevenoaks: A Note from our Principal, Dr Karen Read**

Dear Parent/Carer

#### **FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT FOR STUDENTS**

This week, the government announced free public transport for all students with a SmartRider card.

This is exciting for all students as there will no longer be a cost to travel to school.

All students will be issued a Sevenoaks SmartRider card over the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, students' existing SmartRider cards from their previous school will still be valid until March, 2024.

#### **STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP CHANGES**

As you are aware, MetroNet is working on the new Armadale train-line. This has meant that the trains have been replaced by buses. The temporary bus station is located at the rear of the College.

There are changes that we will be making with access to the College grounds.

1. Access to the front of the College car park will not be possible for drop-off and pick-up.
2. The northern gate (near the billboard) will be permanently closed due to MetroNet bus port.

I have worked with the Canning City Council to ensure that from February 16<sup>th</sup>, there will be dedicated student pick-up and drop-off zones on Lake Street. This will be sign posted. 15-minute parking will be available during drop-off and pick-up times, 7:30 am – 9:00 am and 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm.

Entrance to the College for students can then be through the back gate behind the Trade Training Centre. In summary:

- You will not be able to access the front of the College as new boom gates will be installed which is happening very soon.
- This will commence Monday 19 February.
- Please see the attached map.

I encourage all students and their families to take advantage of the opportunity of free public transport instead of being dropped off or picked up.

#### **VISITING THE COLLEGE**

If you have an appointment with a staff member, we will make arrangements for parking in our visitor's section. More information will follow about how this will work.

I will update you when these changes are going to come into effect.

#### **GATE OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES**

Trade Training Gate Open until 8.45 am each morning	Trade Training Gate Re-opening times	Until 19 <sup>th</sup> February, north gate will re-open at the following times
Monday	3.25 pm	3.25 pm
Tuesday	4.25 pm	4.25 pm
Wednesday	3.25 pm	3.25 pm
Thursday	2.00 pm	2.00 pm
Friday	2.00 pm	2.00 pm

**\*Front pedestrian gate will remain open during the day.**

**North Gate (soon to be permanently closed)**

**South Gate (soon to have boom gates)**

**Pedestrian Gate (open before, during and after school)**

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**New School Drop-Off & Pick-Up Car Bays**

**Coker Park**

