



Wednesday June 14, 2023

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Year 1 Children,

Since forming our classes at the end of 2022, and since the beginning of 2023, we have had over 15 new enrolments. Many of these have been in Year 1.

Instead of having desired small classes, as planned, our classes are growing. With pending Term 3 enrolments, to avoid them growing more, we are forming a third Year 1 class. This will ensure that all three Year 1 classes will have less than 20 students, instead of 26 each.

This additional class is being funded internally by our school as, despite enrolment numbers increasing, we still need a few more enrolments to be allocated an additional demountable and teacher. We do not want to wait for these enrolments though, as the end of Semester 1 is a good time to make changes, after reports are completed. Further to this, we would rather not have Year 1 classes exceed 22 students at any time.

The third Year 1 class will be formed from Day 1 of Term 3, when students return on Tuesday, July 18. It will be located upstairs, next to the Library.

The following class arrangements will be in place from Term 3:

1B – This class will continue to be taught by Mrs Vanessa Bain.

1S – This class will continue to be taught by Miss Natasha Sconfienza, who will now work on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. She will be joined by our Literacy and Numeracy Intervention and EAL/D Teacher Ms Jessica Fry. Ms Fry will teach 1S each Wednesday and Thursday. Ms Fry currently teaches 1B whilst Ms Bain has her Executive Release.

1M – Mrs Adele Mackey will teach our new class full-time.

Miss Sconfienza, Ms Fry, Mrs Mackey and Ms Bain currently all work, plan and assess collaboratively to support our Year 1 students. They make a great team and are looking forward to providing additional support to all Year 1 children via smaller class sizes. As a result of current collaboration, and in team teaching maths groups, all staff already have a great rapport with all students and have a great understanding of the cohort's needs.

Parents and caregivers of children moving to 1M have been notified via phone, prior to me sending out this letter. Thank you to those parents/carers for their support and understanding.

All Year 1 students have been notified of the change today.

If you have any questions about this change, please contact me or your child's class teacher on (02) 64951266.

Regards,
Michelle Huddleston
Principal