

The Gilbert School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Important Update - Installation of new security gates

We are writing to inform you of an important development regarding site access at The Gilbert School.

As part of our ongoing commitment to improving the security of our school site and safety of our school community, we be installing new security gates at the main entrance that will be operational from Tuesday 4th November 2025.

Once operational, these gates will restrict vehicular access to the school grounds during drop-off and pick-up times and throughout the school day. This means that, with the exception of families who require access for children with disabilities, parents and carers will no longer be able to drive onto the school premises. It also means that access to the school grounds will be by appointment only. Pedestrian access remains unaffected at drop off and pick up times but will be controlled by electronic security gates during the school day.

We appreciate this change will require adjustments to some parents' usual routine, and we kindly ask that you begin planning alternative drop-off and collection arrangements. We recommend identifying safe and legal parking areas nearby and encouraging students to walk, cycle or use public transport wherever possible.

Our priority is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students and staff, and we appreciate your support in helping us maintain a secure and orderly environment.

If you have any questions or require assistance regarding access for children with disabilities, please contact the school office directly via email (admin@gilberd.com) or telephone.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours faithfully

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