



Return to Onsite Learning – Term 4, 2020

STUDENT INFORMATION

Stay home when unwell

The most important action we can take to reduce the risk of transmission of coronavirus (COVID-19), is to ensure that any unwell student remains at home, even with the mildest of symptoms.

Practise good hygiene

All staff, students and visitors to schools should undertake regular hand hygiene, particularly on arrival to school, before and after eating, after blowing their nose, coughing, sneezing or using the toilet.

Students should bring their own water bottle for use at school as students should not drink directly from drinking fountains at this time. Taps may be used to refill water bottles.

Sharing of food must not occur. The canteen will be operating under COVID-Safe guidelines.

Use non-contact greetings (no physical contact).

Ensure physical distancing

Students should practice physical distancing where possible. Maintaining a physical distance of 1.5 metres will not always be practical in the school environment.

Face masks in schools

All students, staff and visitors must wear face masks at school, and when travelling to and from school. A face mask that covers the nose and mouth is now the only permitted type of face covering. Face shields, scarves or bandanas do not meet these requirements.

Teachers and education support staff are not required to wear face masks while teaching, but those who wish to do so, can.

Masks for Students

Secondary school students must wear a face mask while at school and while travelling to and from school. Students must keep a back-up supply of masks in their bag or locker.

Some students and staff are exempt from these requirements. This includes students who are unable to wear a face mask due to the nature of their disability. This also includes students or staff who have a medical condition, such as problems with their breathing, a serious skin condition on the face, a disability or a mental health condition. Any student seeking an exemption must follow the protocol located in SIMON. Approval must be given.

The school will have an emergency supply of face masks, however, in the first instance, the school will contact home if a student has forgotten or misplaced their mask and cannot

access their back-up supply. Only when there are extenuating circumstances where parents are unable to provide a mask will the school provide a disposable mask.

Face masks, when seated outdoors having lunch and physically distanced, are not required to be worn but must be reapplied as soon as students have finished eating. Students involved in rigorous physical activity during breaks will not be required to wear a mask during the physical activity, but again, must reapply once finished the activity.

Temperature screening

Not required

Limit school access - Visitors to schools and school tours

Visits to school grounds are only for those supporting essential school services and operations (e.g. student health and wellbeing services, safety, cleaning and maintenance workers). Additional staff, including parent volunteers, must not attend school at this time.

Parent meetings and interviews must continue to be replaced with phone, online and video alternatives.

Gatherings and Recreation

Face-to-face school assemblies and other non-essential large gatherings cannot take place.

Sport and recreation - outdoor non-contact sport can resume. Indoor sport is not allowed. Therefore, the gyms at both campuses will be closed at break times.

There will be no contact sports.

Music and Drama

Choirs and woodwind/brass instrument use is not permitted in schools, except where required for essential assessments.

Drama activities and dance group work should also be undertaken outside where safe and viable.

Management of an unwell student

It is important that any student, who becomes unwell while at school, be immediately sent home and should be collected by a parent or carer.

Whereupon a student has been tested, they must isolate until they receive their test result.

Students are not required to present a medical certificate stating they are fit to return to school after a period of illness, however staff and students should not return until the symptoms are resolved.