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COVID UPDATE 29



Dear parents/caregivers

### **Changes for Weeks 5 - 8**

Next week marks Week 5 of Term 1.

The Education Minister, on the advice of the Chief Public Health Officer, has now confirmed that a number of school activities that have been on hold this year, may resume from next week with a further easing of activity restrictions expected to be announced for Week 9 of the Term.

From Monday 28 February 2022 we look forward to the following resuming:

- Interschool sporting competitions.
- Extra-curricular activities including but not limited to choir, band practice and instrumental lessons.
- Day excursions and incursions. *Note that some excursion venues may have vaccination requirements.*
- Work experience and work placements.
- Outdoor assemblies and Masses.

From next week, volunteers approved by the Principal may return to the school and parents and visitors may attend the school for specific outdoor events.

Parent Information Nights and College Tours (including an indoor component) may continue. Accordingly, we look forward to welcoming the community at our COVID-safe, outdoor event Gleeson@Dusk, on Thursday Week 8, 24<sup>th</sup> March. Parents may also attend **outdoor** weekend interschool sporting events when they recommence. Except for these specific outdoor events, parents and visitors are asked to continue to avoid attending the school.

Where it is essential for volunteers, parents or visitors to attend the school site, they should continue to check in using our COVID SAFE QR code and to wear a mask while indoors.

A number of COVID controls will remain unchanged as follows:

- Face masks continue to be required when indoors for all staff, adult visitors and secondary students.
- The current [testing, isolating and quarantining approach](#) remains unchanged including management of and notification of classroom close contacts.
- Natural ventilation will continue to be maximised.
- Unfortunately, school camps (except those required as part of the curriculum for SACE subjects) remain on hold for Weeks 5-8 inclusive.
- No events involving parents or visitors may be held indoors (except school tours for prospective families).

The most important ongoing control against COVID-19 impacting our school community is for students, staff and visitors to stay home if they are unwell.

If your child displays even mild symptoms associated with COVID-19, please arrange for a PCR test and follow SA Health directions. If your child is confirmed as COVID-19 positive, please contact the school immediately. If we are notified that a person who attended school subsequently learns they are COVID-19 positive, we will communicate this with classroom contacts in line with the approach approved by SA Health.

If your child is absent from school due to COVID-19 or for any other reason, the school will, as is usual, make best endeavours to support their learning continuity. In these instances, students may continue to access lesson materials from SEQTA for each subject, as they would for any normal absence.

Once again, please be reminded that all children aged 5 and older are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, all aged 16 and older who have received two courses of the vaccine, are now eligible to receive a booster.

Our school and all Catholic Education SA schools and services will continue to follow the advice of SA Health in order to minimise the potential for entry into and transmission of COVID-19 in our school environment.

Thank you for your understanding as we apply necessary COVID controls to keep our community safe.

Kind regards,

Mr J Corbo

Principal