



July 9, 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We will be returning to Term 3 on Tuesday July 13 as planned. Due to the current COVID situation, there are some additional guidelines and restrictions that we must adhere to.

Non-essential visitors

Under the current restrictions, visitors are only permitted to deliver educational activities (ie. music tuition) or operational services (ie. maintenance or canteen volunteers). Unfortunately this means that parents are not permitted to visit classrooms or attend sporting events or assemblies. All group gatherings have been cancelled including parent teacher interviews, however, enrolment interviews (with one parent only in attendance) are permitted to proceed.

Drop off and pick up

Parents and carers are asked to follow changes to drop off and pick up including:

- Staying in the car when dropping off and picking up children if safe to do so.
- Maintain physical distancing by avoiding gathering outside of school gates.
- Remain outside of school grounds (note some exceptions may apply regarding schools for specific purposes, vulnerable students or students with disability).
- Follow mask-wearing requirements.

Mandatory Two Step QR Sign in

Under the current Public Health Order, all visitors must sign in to both the Service NSW COVID Safe Check-In AND Swiped-On. This allows us to meet child protection and emergency management legal requirements, AND the Public Health Order requirements. Unfortunately no one system will meet all current legal requirements.

Unwell students, staff and visitors

If your child has cold or flu symptoms, please follow the health advice, get tested and stay at home while unwell. Students who are unwell and attend school will be sent home with the request to get tested. Staff who are unwell are also not permitted to be at school and must get tested. Visitors who have cold or flu symptoms will not be permitted to enter the school.

Mask requirements

NSW Health and Catholic Schools NSW, although not mandatory, have recommended that all staff wear masks. All visitors must wear masks upon entering school grounds.

NSW Health is currently recommending all secondary students wear a mask while indoors at school. Masks are mandatory on public buses to and from school. Students are welcome to bring their own appropriate mask, or they will be provided (one per day) should they wish to be worn

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HSC Trials

It is anticipated that the current round of restrictions will have no effect on the Trial HSC and HSC exams will proceed in a COVID-Safe way. At present, oral language, performance and practical exams will go ahead as scheduled in Term 3 and written exams in Term 4.

VET Placement

VET placements and work experience are permitted. VET students in years 11 and 12 who cannot complete their placement due to COVID-19 restrictions will remain eligible for the HSC. Students on work placement and work experience are to wear masks during the first week of Term 3 at any indoor work placements, and in a shared work vehicle.

Formal and Graduation

We are currently operating under the required restrictions until further notice. We are mindful of this in our planning and preparation of the formal and graduation and will notify you as soon as possible should there be changes to current arrangements.

Due to these restrictions, we ask that you please check with the school office before coming on site.

We always enjoy parents and families being welcomed into our school activities and events and are deeply disappointed that these current restrictions prevent this. However, these restrictions do not prevent us from our primary purpose, that is, the delivery of quality Catholic education to your children in a safe, caring and supportive environment.

We thank you in advance for your understanding and support throughout this.

Yours sincerely,

Tracy Robinson

Principal