



Covid-19 Information Update for Families- 20 August 2020

The Department of Education has this week notified schools of changes to a range of school activities and procedures. These changes are effective from Wednesday 19 August and are designed to further safeguard student and staff health and safety during the current living with Covid-19 phase.

School Attendance

- The Department of Education has confirmed that all students should be at school unless they:
 - have a medical certificate stating that they are unable to return to school due to a specified medical condition. The certificate must state the expected return to school date
 - are currently unwell.

Students who are unwell and presenting with flu-like symptoms

- Students must not attend school if they are unwell. Students experiencing even mild flu-like symptoms must now not return to school until they receive a negative Covid-19 test result and are symptom free
- Students who present at school with flu-like symptoms will be sent home and must be tested for Covid-19
- Students are not to return to school until they have a negative Covid-19 test result and are symptom free
- The negative Covid-19 test result must be provided to the school before the student may return.

Programs and Activities on Hold Until Further Notice

- Parent/carer attendance at assemblies and other school events
- P and C Meetings, unless held online
- Excursions
- Grade and Interschool sport
- School sport will be modified to reduce the mixing of students across different year groups
- Externally run Mentoring Programs
- Story Factory will continue in a modified format to reduce the mixing of students across different year groups.

Hygiene Measures

- Students and staff who wish to wear a mask are encouraged to do so
- Students will need to continue to follow existing hygiene measures including sanitising hands before entering classrooms, not sharing items and using their own water bottles and equipment
- Additional school cleaning during the day will continue.

Visitors to our School

- Parents, carers and non-essential adults are still NOT permitted on school grounds or at school events. Some face-to-face parent/teacher meetings that are essential can be held, but these will be by invitation only.
- If you are required to come into our school, there are procedures that will need to be followed for each visit:
 - Where possible, please contact us on 02-9631 9651 to alert us to your coming
 - Signing the External Visitors to School Site form
 - Adhering to physical distancing rules
 - Observing hygiene practices including the use of hand sanitiser
 - Wearing a mask is encouraged
- All other visitors, including parents dropping off or picking up their children, are requested to wait outside the school gates.

Year 12 Activities

- The NSW Department of Education has advised that Year 12 Graduation Assemblies and Formals are currently not permitted.
- Our Year 12 Graduation Assembly and Formal have been postponed until 11 November, 2020. Further details will be provided closer to this date and will be subject to the health restrictions applying at that time.

I am pleased to be able to report that the overwhelming majority of our students are at school each and every day, following their normal lesson routine. Our students continue to be involved in a range of interesting and challenging educational programs, including Science Week activities; Gardening Club; Poetry Competitions and a range of Visual Arts, Industrial Technology and Music practical works.

We will continue to keep you informed as changes are communicated to us by the Department of Education.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in these Covid times!



Judy Sims
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