



31<sup>st</sup> January

## 2022 Parent Update 03 re back to School on 7<sup>th</sup> February

Dear parents and caregivers

Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to respond to the evolving COVID-19 situation.

As announced by the Premier on Sunday 30 January 2022, the Queensland Government has released the COVID-safe back to school plan.

From Monday 7 February, key features of the plan include:

- The suspension of school camps, excursions, assemblies, and large gatherings (please note that school sport will continue as usual)
- limiting visitors on site, with exceptions for parents and carers of students experiencing vulnerability.
- mask wearing for all high school students and all staff. I encourage all students to pack a spare mask, as we have found students regularly lose their mask.
- rapid antigen tests (RATs) available in school for students and staff who develop symptoms while on site
- priority access to RATs for students and staff at [Queensland Health testing clinics](#)
- a range of ventilation measures including air purifiers as required

You can access the [Back to School plan here](#), and further information and FAQs on the [Department of Education COVID-19 website](#).

Essential to the success of these measures is that **if your child is unwell or displaying any COVID-19 symptoms, they must not attend school**. I cannot emphasise this message strongly enough – it is critical to keeping our school community safe.

### **Rapid antigen tests (RATs)**

Our school has a supply of RATs which will be provided to any staff or students who, while attending school, develop COVID-19 symptoms. Please note if your child has COVID-19 symptoms while at home they must not attend school.

Your child, if they have COVID-19 symptoms, can visit your local [Queensland health testing clinic](#) and will be given priority access to a free RAT.

### **Limiting access for visitors**

At our school, limitations on parent and visitor access are now in place and I am asking you to please limit your access to the school as much as possible. If you have a critical need to attend the site, please ring the front office on 3480 4777 to discuss arrangements.

## **Excursions and camps**

Excursions and camps scheduled between now and 4 March are cancelled. If this affects your student, their teacher will be providing advice in this regard.

## **This week**

For the upcoming week, our school remains open for children of essential workers and vulnerable children, in the same way we were last week. If you need to send your child to school you must ensure your child is well and not displaying any signs of illness.

School staff will supervise any students who attend school.

From Monday 31 January, Year 11 and 12 students are commencing remote learning for one week, until the revised formal start of the school year on 7 February. Parents and senior students have been emailed directly our school arrangements.

I encourage you to stay informed of the latest developments relating to COVID-19 by regularly visiting the [Queensland Government website](#).

Thank you for your understanding as we continue to work together during this difficult and unprecedented time.

Yours sincerely

J E House

Principal