

Friday 1 April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big thank you for your continuing efforts in supporting our school and students during the pandemic – especially prioritising safety and learning.

Recently our school community has been experiencing increasing levels of COVID-19 exposure and transmission, particularly in **Year 10** and **Year 11**. For this group of students, we must temporarily go back to **learning from home on Monday 4 April, Tuesday 5 April and Wednesday 6 April**. Students who are required to temporarily learn from home will be supported to access online learning materials from their Google Classroom and the [Learning from Home](#) website.

Note: All Year 8 students will return to school Monday 4 April 2022. **There is no change for all other staff and students who will continue to come to school for face-to-face learning.**

To minimise disruption to face-to-face learning and reduce in-school transmission of COVID-19, our school has been working closely with the Department of Education's Health & Safety case management team and has decided to temporarily adopt some additional COVID-smart measures for the next week (five school days). These temporary measures are designed to act as a "circuit breaker" to reduce transmission of COVID-19 in our school.

**From Monday 4 April to Friday 8 April 2022 (inclusive), our school will adopt the following enhanced settings:**

- Masks will be required for all school staff and visitors.
- Physical distancing of at least 1.5 metres will be encouraged for all school staff.
- Large indoor gatherings will be rescheduled to next term or held in an outdoor setting if possible. This includes indoor assemblies and events.
- Non-essential activities will be postponed until at least next term. This is including, but not limited to, school camps and excursions.

You are reminded that staff and students cannot attend school if they are showing any symptoms of COVID-19. These include fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, loss of smell/taste, fatigue, muscle/joint pains, diarrhoea, nausea/vomiting, extreme tiredness, unexplained chest pain or conjunctivitis (eye infection).

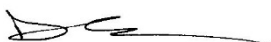
If symptoms occur at any time, you should not attend school and should undertake a rapid antigen test. If a rapid antigen test is positive you/your child should isolate as someone who has tested positive to COVID-19. If you cannot access a rapid antigen test, you can attend a PCR (nose and throat swab) testing clinic.

You must also register any positive test on the Service NSW website or Service NSW app so you can be linked to important health care support and advice. Parents and carers are reminded to please ensure that you select your school name when prompted when registering a positive test result for your child.

We know the best place for our students to learn is in the classroom but the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff is our number one priority. We will continue to monitor the situation and advise you when it is safe for all our students and staff to return to our classrooms

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Deborah Santucci  
Principal

