



Term 3 Arrangements

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that despite the uncertainty of border closures and renewed restrictions you were able to experience quality time together and that our students are feeling refreshed for the term ahead. I would like to take this opportunity to outline the arrangements that will be in place for the return to classes on Monday 12 July. Whilst there have been no cases of Covid-19 reported in the ACT, there are a number of changes that will be in place in response to the recent cases in other jurisdictions. We are also very conscious that a number of our families reside in regional NSW and as such are bound by the current NSW Health Orders. Attached to this email is a FAQ document that I hope will answer some of the common questions that you may have. I would like to reassure you that we have in place procedures and protocols to ensure that attending school remains as safe as possible within our new Covid-normal environment.

As has been our consistent message, can I reiterate that should your student be feeling unwell and displaying Covid-19 symptoms, please do not send them to school, and seek a Covid-19 test under the direction of your GP or other medical professionals. If a student is displaying symptoms at school, our First Aid Officers will contact parents/carers and request that they are collected. This is our first line of defence in keeping our community safe. The current outbreak in Greater Sydney has demonstrated that young people are equally susceptible to the current strains of the virus.

The College will continue the touch-point additional cleaning throughout the school day and will have supplies of hand sanitiser available in all classrooms for students and staff to access to maintain hygiene.

In line with the advice from ACT Health, all visitors to the College must check in using the Check In CBR app, in addition to the College's usual sign in process. The QR Codes will be displayed at the entry points to the College, including First Aid. This will make contact tracing easier and faster for ACT Health should this be required. The data from the app goes directly to ACT Health for contact tracing if required and is deleted after 28 days. The College does not have access to the information, hence the need to maintain the normal sign in for those visitors who will be at the College for an extended period of time.

There are also requirements for students who travel to and from school via public transport. Students who live in regional NSW and catch a QCity/Transborder bus are required to wear a mask to enter the bus and while they are on the bus. This is part of the current NSW Public Health Order measures that are in place for regional NSW. For students travelling by bus or light rail in the ACT, the wearing of face masks, while no longer mandatory after tonight, is still encouraged when in spaces where physical distancing is not possible. From 12pm Thursday 15 July students 16 years and over will need to check in using the Check In CBR app on every bus and light rail service they travel on, including school services. Students can check in onboard using QR codes located throughout the vehicles.

We are aware that this is an unsettling time and will keep you updated regularly of any changes in relation to the restrictions and protocols that are in place. As always, should you have any concerns please contact your student's pastoral leader in the first instance.

Best wishes
Rachel Davies
Principal

Return to Term 3 Arrangement FAQ

Q: Do I need to use the Check In CBR app when I visit my child's school, even if I am just dropping off or picking them up?

A: Yes. We are strongly encouraging all adult visitors who enter the school grounds, including parents and carers who exit their vehicle when dropping off or picking up their children, to check in using the Check In CBR app. Our normal school sign-in processes at Reception will continue to apply. This will speed up contact tracing if there is ever a confirmed case of COVID-19 at the school. Students are not required to check in using the app on school grounds.

Q: Our family has recently returned from NSW and is on Stay at Home orders. Are parents able to take children to school if the family is on Stay at Home orders?

A: Students are no longer exempt from isolation as was previously indicated in the FAQ. Updated advice for those who have been in the Greater Sydney area (including the Central Coast, Blue Mountains, Wollongong and Shellharbour) after 11:59pm Friday 9 July can be found at: <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/news-articles/strengthening-of-greater-sydney-travel-restrictions>

Q: Are masks required in schools in Term 3?

A: No. Staff, students and visitors at schools are not required to wear masks. The recent community mask-wearing requirements ended at 11.59pm on Friday 9 July. Only people on Stay at Home orders are required to wear masks.

Q: My child catches the bus / light rail to and from school in the ACT. Are any COVID-

related requirements in place on buses / light rail?

A: Yes. Students are reminded to practice good hand hygiene, physical distancing and to use MyWay or pre-paid tickets (no cash accepted). From 12pm Thursday 15 July students 16 years and over will need to check in using the Check In CBR app on every bus and light rail service they travel on – this includes school services. Students can check in onboard using QR codes located throughout the vehicles. While no longer mandatory, the use of face masks is still encouraged when in spaces where physical distancing is not possible for students 13 years and over – this includes on public transport. Students 13 years and over are encouraged to wear a mask on public transport, including on school services. For more information visit www.transport.act.gov.au or call 13 17 10.

Q: My child catches the bus from regional NSW to and from school. Are any COVID-related requirements in place on buses?

A: Under the current NSW Public Health orders all students who are catching buses in regional NSW (QCity/Transborder) must wear a mask in order to enter the bus and while they are on the bus.

More information is available at www.covid19.act.gov.au for the latest ACT restrictions and public health guidelines and at www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19 for NSW restrictions and public health guidelines.