

January 19, 2022

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

The start of the 2022 school year has been adjusted to help minimise the peak of COVID-19 cases in South Australia.

There will be a staged return to school and preschool over the first two week of term that balances every child's learning entitlement with safety and risk management concerns.

Face-to-face learning has been prioritised across the for the state's youngest learners and for specific year levels that are transitioning. Remote learning will be provided for all other year levels.

The dates for the start of Term 1 are:

- Monday, 31 January – preparation day
- Tuesday, 1 February – preparation day
- **Wednesday, 2 February – school is back**

In line with state wide guidelines, this means that at our school there will be **face-to-face learning** for:

- Year 7 students
- Year 8 students
- Year 12 students – including those enrolled in our SEAL program
- All students in our Special Options classes – regardless of year level

There will be **remote learning** for Years 9, 10 and 11 students – including those enrolled in our SEAL program.

- **Monday 14 February – planned return of face-to-face learning for all year levels.**

Face-to-face learning:

Will be provided at our school for Year 7, year 8 and Year 12 students, starting Wednesday, 2 February.

If you choose to keep your child at home, or if they are required to isolate, a school based remote learning program will not be offered.



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The Department for Education is developing online learning for Reception to Year 10 students that your child can access online. More detail will be provided before the school term commences.

Remote learning is provided for:

Years 9, 10 and 11 students, starting on Wednesday 2 February. There will be further information provided about this before the start of the school term. There will also be information distributed in the coming days about arrangements for collecting either long-term or short-term laptops for those requiring them.

If you are required to attend your workplace and require supervision for your children, they can come to school. We will supervise them as they complete their remote learning program. They will not attend face-to-face lessons with their regular teachers.

Preparation days (31 January and 1 February)

These days will be used by our staff to prepare for remote learning and the change to the start of term 1.

If you are required to work and require supervision for your children, you can choose to send them to school to be supervised on these days. No formal learning programs will be provided.

Minimising the spread of COVID-19

To ensure that our students and staff are as safe as possible at school, we will be implementing the following measures as advised by the Department for Education and SA Health:

- Please keep your child home if they are unwell, even mildly
- Masks are required for:
 - All adults when indoors (except if it's impeding our staff's ability to communicate while teaching)
 - Students in years 7 to 12 when indoors
- Natural ventilation will be maximised by leaving doors/windows open, continued use of air conditioning (set to fresh air intake where available) and fans where possible
- Outdoor learning where appropriate
- Physical distancing where possible
- Minimise student intermingling indoors, for example across class groups
- Limit non-essential visitors on site. Don't be offended if we look to schedule meetings over the phone, rather than in person. In the case of Year 7 and 8 parents we ask that wherever possible, you minimise time on site on the first morning, maintain physical distancing and wear a mask. If your child is feeling confident and comfortable following the transition visit, consider whether you need to be on site at all.
- Daily site clean (funded by the department)
- Temporary postponement of the following activities (until week 4 of term):
 - camps, excursions and incursions
 - interschool sport trials and competitions
 - large gatherings such as assemblies, events and concerts.

We appreciate you might have some questions about these changes. We'll do our best to start planning a smooth start to the 2022 school year. More details will be provided as we get closer to the start of term.

We look forward to seeing your child face-to-face or online to start the school year.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristen Masters". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Kristen Masters
Principal