

Dear parent / caregiver

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

The Department for Education (DfE) has decided there will be a staged return to school over the first two weeks of Term 1 that balances every child's learning entitlement with safety and risk management concerns.

Face-to-face teaching and learning has been prioritised for our 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, 2022 are:**

Monday 31 January – **student free day / preparation day** for staff

Tuesday 1 February – **student free day / preparation day** for staff

Wednesday 2 February – Friday 11 February

**Face-to face learning** at school for Reception & Year 1 students

**Remote learning** for Years 2 to 6 students.

Monday 14 February – planned **return to school** for Years 2 to 6 students.

**Preparation days (31 January & 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 do not have appropriate supervision for your child/children, you can choose to send them to school to be supervised on these days. No formal learning programs will be provided. Students will need to be signed in.

**Face- to-face learning:**

**This will be provided at school for Reception and Year 1 students from Wednesday 2 February.** If you choose to keep your Reception or Year 1 child at home, or if they are required to isolate, **a school based remote learning program will not be offered.**

Our department is developing online learning opportunities for Reception to Year 6 students that your child can access online. More detail will be provided.



### **Remote Learning:**

**A school based remote learning program will be provided for Years 2 to 6 students for eight days, starting on Wednesday 2 February to Friday 11 February.**

If you are required to work and do not have appropriate supervision for your child/children, they can come to school. We will supervise them as they work on their remote learning program. Further information regarding remote learning will be sent out later this week.

### **Return to School:**

**All Reception to Year 6 students will be back at school from Monday 14 February.**

### **Minimising the spread of COVID-19:**

To support our students and staff to be 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/children at home if they are unwell, even mildly.
- Masks will be required for all adults indoors (except if it impedes our staff's ability to communicate while teaching).
- Masks are strongly recommended for students in Years 3 to 6 when indoors.
- Natural ventilation & outdoor learning will be maximised wherever possible.
- Students are to be dropped off and collected 'at the gate'. No parents/carers are to enter school grounds or classrooms.
- Parents/carers can come into the office (e.g. to pay fees or collect materials). Masks, COVID check-in and social distancing will continue to be required.
- An extra, daily site clean will continue.
- The following activities will be temporarily postponed:
  - camps, excursions and incursions
  - interschool sport trials and competitions
  - large gatherings such as assemblies, events, concerts.
- Our canteen will be open from Wednesday 2 February.
- Out of School Hours Care will continue as normal.

We appreciate and understand the levels of anxiety as we work through these times and thank you for your continued support.

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

Regards



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Principal  
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