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COVID-Smart School Settings Term 1

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

The Premier and Minister for Education have **announced** changes to school settings for the remainder of Term 1. These updated settings were developed in close consultation with NSW Health and key stakeholders to ensure we continue to keep our schools open for learning, while keeping up with changing community settings.

From Monday 28 February, masks will no longer be mandatory for secondary students or staff. Of course, they will be supported to continue wearing them if desired. However, masks are still required on buses. Primary staff will continue wearing masks up until Monday 7 March. We can welcome visitors and parents/carers back on site, regardless of vaccination status, and will no longer need to keep cohorts separate. We will consider activities such as assemblies, parent-teacher meetings and other gatherings in the coming days. We will let you know if these can proceed in a COVID-smart way. Anyone working on site (including volunteers) must meet the mandatory double vaccination requirements. Excursion, camps and other school-based activities can now occur as usual. QR code check-ins will remain, and we will continue maximising well ventilated spaces, good hand hygiene and enhanced cleaning.

Public Health Orders remain, so if a student or a household contact is positive for COVID-19 all household members must isolate for 7 days. Families are reminded to register all positive RAT results on the [Service NSW website](#) or [Service NSW app](#). Enter the school name when prompted in the app and advise us as soon as possible. Please continue to keep students home if they are unwell and complete a RAT. They cannot return to school until symptoms have gone even if the result is negative. Parents will be contacted to pick up their child if they develop symptoms during the school day.

Schools will now move to 'symptomatic testing', meaning twice weekly RATs are not required but testing is recommended if students display symptoms. Due to our current supplies, students will now receive a box of 7 Rapid Antigen Tests that can be used as symptoms arise for the remainder of the term. If you require more over coming weeks, if you do not want these RATs or wish to collect them yourself (rather than have your child bring them home) please call the school.

We strongly encourage our students and their families to consider vaccination including boosters when eligible. [Find a vaccination clinic](#) to book an appointment.

Thank you again for your continued support during this school term.