

18 January 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to the 2022 school year. I would like to begin by extending a special welcome to those who are new to the College. One of the reasons you chose St Aloysius College as the school for your daughter is the Mercy hospitality you experienced at our school tours and orientation. Whilst not all students will be learning at school in the first few weeks of 2022, we know that your family will experience this same warm welcome either in person or online.

In the words of Catherine McAuley, "A good start is of great importance". We intend to bring these words to life this year more than ever.

This letter sets out specific arrangements as they pertain to our school.

Monday 31 January and Tuesday 1 February 2022

- Monday 31 January – staff preparation day
- Tuesday 1 February – staff preparation day

Monday 31 January and Tuesday 1 February 2022 are pupil free days, providing time for staff to prepare for Term 1 teaching and learning. For these dates families should make arrangements for the care of your children as you would for any other pupil free days.

For families who are unable to make alternative arrangements, your children may attend school for supervision on these dates. No child will be turned away.

[If your daughter\(s\) requires supervision on these days, please **click here** to provide details.](#)

Wednesday 2 February to Friday 11 February 2022

- Wednesday 2 February – school returns
 - o Face-to-face learning for: Reception, Year 1, Year 7, Year 8 and Year 12 students
 - o Remote learning for: Years 2 to 6 students and Years 9 to 11 students

Face-to-face learning

Face-to-face learning will be provided for Reception, Year 1, Year 7, Year 8 and Year 12 students, starting Wednesday 2 February.

If a student who is required to attend face-to-face learning is absent the school will, as usual, endeavour to support student learning continuity via SEQTA. However, as teachers will be engaged in face-to-face teaching of their classes, they will not be readily available to individually support students who are absent from school.

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Remote learning

Years 2 to 6 students and Years 9 to 11 students will learn online, starting on Wednesday 2 February. Further details regarding remote learning will be provided prior to the start of the school year.

Year 2 parents and caregivers will receive a separate communication regarding access to devices for remote learning from the Primary Coordinator.

Vulnerable students and students of required workers whose families are unable to arrange appropriate supervision for online learning at home during this period, should attend school and supervision for online learning will be made available. Further information will be sought from families regarding students attending school on these dates.

Monday 14 February 2022

The planned date for a return to face-to-face learning for all year levels is Monday 14 February 2022.

School activities and SA Health directions

Our school and all Catholic Education SA schools are following the advice of SA Health in order to minimise the potential for entry of COVID-19 into our school environment.

Consequently, for Weeks 1-4:

- School sports (other than Physical Education classes) and other extra-curricular activities (e.g. instrumental tuition, ensembles) will be put on hold.
- Assemblies, masses and other whole-school events and gatherings will be postponed, cancelled or conducted online.
- Year 7, 8 and 12 students and all staff will be required to wear masks at school.
- All children aged 5 and older are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, and families are encouraged to make arrangements for your child to be vaccinated by visiting <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/booking/>.

Parents/Caregivers and Visitors

Entry to our school site will be confined to essential visitors only (who will be required to wear a mask and check in using our COVID SAfe QR code).

We understand that students starting school for the first time will require the support and reassurance of their parents and we will enable a smooth transition for these students. In order to be COVID safe, we ask that parents of Reception and Year 1 students enter the campus via the Angas St gate (adjacent SA Water), drop-off and pick up their daughters in the Dunlevie Courtyard without entering classrooms.

Out of School Hours Care

Before and After School Care will continue as normal. Please register your daughter(s) via the OSHC email OSHC@sac.sa.edu.au or call the office on 8217 3200.

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Laptop/Textbook Collection and Uniform Shop next week

In order to reduce the number of people on campus at any time, we have modified the collection arrangements for laptops and textbooks.

Year 7, 8 and 12 students will now collect their laptops and textbooks with their classes on Wednesday 2 February. As Year 3 students will be learning remotely, Year 3 parents and caregivers are asked to collect laptops for their daughters next week.

Please see the updated collection timetable below:

Tuesday 25 January	Wednesday 26 January	Thursday 27 January	Friday 28 January
11:30am-1:30pm & 2-4pm Textbook (Years 10-11) and laptop collection (Years 4, 5, 6, 10, 11) 10am-4:30pm Uniform Shop open	School Closed <i>Australia Day public holiday</i>	9am-1pm Textbook (Years 10-11) and laptop collection (Years 3, 9, 10, 11) 8:30am-1pm Uniform Shop open	9:30am-1:30pm & 2-4pm Textbook (Years 10-11) and laptop collection (Years 3, 10, 11) 8:30am-4:30pm Uniform Shop open

The Uniform Shop's opening hours are as specified above. Due to social distancing, staff will not be available to conduct fittings, but they will be available to provide advice. Wherever possible, we encourage the use of our online shop <https://sac-uniform-shop.myshopify.com/>.

For those students learning remotely, please delay in-person uniform purchases until school weeks 1 or 2 to reduce the number of people on campus. In Week 1, the uniform shop will be open at the following times:

- Monday 31 January 8:30am-4:30pm
- Wednesday 2 February 8:00am-4:30pm
- Thursday 3 February 8:00am-11:30am


Communication with students and families

Our success in navigating the challenges of COVID-19 to date has been a product of our strong communication channels between home and school. We appreciate the faith that parents place in the school to prioritise the wellbeing of their children and the staff of the College.

We know that there are many questions that remain unanswered, and we will continue to communicate with you regularly. If you have an urgent question please email Doreen Maiello at registrar@sac.sa.edu.au who will ensure that it is directed to the appropriate person.

Thank you for your understanding and support in these rapidly changing circumstances. We look forward to welcoming your daughters back to school and seeing them flourish at St Aloysius College in 2022.

Yours faithfully,



Paddy McEvoy
Principal

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