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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As the beginning of Term 1 draws closer, we are writing to provide additional information about remote learning and COVID-19 protocols.

Remote Learning

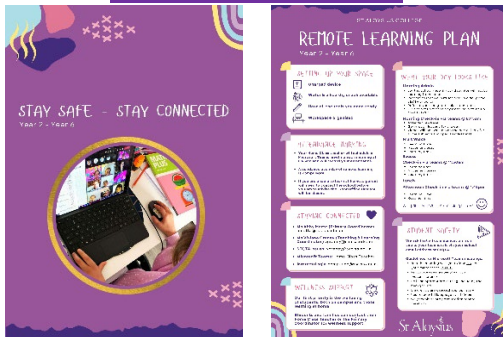
A reminder that Monday 31 January and Tuesday 1 February 2022 are pupil-free days. If your child/ren requires supervision on these dates, please [complete this form](#) if you have not already done so. Students attending on these days may wear casual clothes.

In order to enable us to plan for our staffing requirements for the remainder of Weeks 1 and 2, please [complete this form if you require remote learning supervision for students in Years 2 to 6 or Years 9 to 11 between Wednesday 2 February and Friday 11 February 2022](#).

If your child/ren requires supervision at school on these days, she will be required to wear the summer uniform unless it is a scheduled PE day. The canteen will be operating as normal from Wednesday 2 February.

The following summaries of the Remote Learning Plans are designed to support students and families by outlining expectations of students in Years 2 to 6 and Years 9 to 11 during this period of remote learning.

Year 2 – Year 6 **Remote Learning Plan**



Year 9 – Year 11 **Remote Learning Plan**



COVID-19 Protocols

SA Health has recently provided guidance on how to manage cases of COVID-19 in Catholic Education South Australia's schools from 31 January 2022.

The new arrangements recognise the importance of providing quality education and care for our children and students while minimising the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

Schools will remain open if there is a case of COVID-19 under the new arrangements.

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Parents and caregivers are a key part of the success of the plan and we request that you notify us immediately if your child tests positive to COVID-19.

If a student or teacher in your child's class/room tests positive for COVID-19, your child will be deemed a *classroom contact* and the following will occur:

- We will notify all parents in that class/room of the positive case (without identifying the positive student/staff member)
- All students and children without symptoms can continue attending school. No rapid antigen testing will be required.
- If your child develops any symptoms (even mild) please keep them home from school and get a COVID-19 test.

Any student who has worked 1:1 with a COVID positive ESO (for more than 15mins, indoors, in close proximity and where face masks are not able to be worn) will be asked to complete 7 days of 'test to stay' rapid antigen testing each morning before attending school. We will provide you with the testing kits at no charge. Students who test positive must not attend school.

Alternatively, if you don't want your child to complete the 7-day testing, they can quarantine for 7 days. During this time, where feasible, we will provide access to learning resources for your child via SEQTA.

The Chief Public Health Officer (CPHO) has recommended that classroom contacts should avoid the following between days 1 to 7 of exposure:

- Attendance at OSHC where possible
- Attending extra-curricular-based activities for 7 days (such as camps, excursions, interschool sport, combined choir etc – noting most of these activities have been temporarily suspended until Week 5).

An [infographic showing the specific Testing Isolating and Quarantine for School Settings is available here.](#)

Our staff will also undergo 7 days of 'test to stay' rapid antigen testing in the event that they are in a classroom with a student or colleague who tests positive.

It's vitally important that you please:

- keep your child/children home if they are:
 - unwell
 - experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms
 - any other member of the household has COVID-19
 - they are a close contact for a person who has COVID-19 and are required to quarantine
- notify us asap if your child/ren tests positive for COVID-19
- let your child know that they will be required to wear a face mask while indoors at school if they are in Years 7 to 12 (and indoor mask wearing is also strongly recommended for children in Years 3 to 6).

These new settings will be in place until the end of Week 4 of Term 1. However, with the rapidly changing nature of the pandemic, this may be reviewed or changed as needed. We will remain flexible and responsive.

I understand you may have a lot of questions about this information. We'll continue to provide you with information as soon as we have it.

Parents and Caregivers on Campus

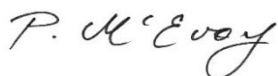
In the interests of public safety, we are required to limit non-essential visitors to the College for Weeks 1 to 4 of Term 1. This means we will not be able to welcome parents on to the campus as we usually would.

Reception and Year 1 parents will have access via the Angas St gates on Wednesday 2 February to enable them to escort their children into the school. We kindly request that Years 7 and 8 parents remain off campus at this time. Home Class teachers and Year Level coordinators will be available in the courtyards to help direct students to their classrooms.

Thank you for your understanding and support in implementing these temporary measures as we continue to adjust to this rapidly changing pandemic.

If you have any immediate queries in relation to this correspondence, please email Doreen Maiello at registrar@sac.sa.edu.au.

Kind regards



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