

24 January 2022

Dear Parents/Caregivers

I hope you and your children have had an enjoyable and safe break.


St Michael's College welcomes all our current and new students and their families to the College and the start of the 2022 school year.


As communicated in the letter from the Acting College Principal, Mr Damian Patton (18 January 2022), the 2022 school year will commence on Wednesday 2 February under a hybrid model. This letter summarizes key points from Mr Patton's letter and specific arrangements as they pertain to the Primary Campus.


The College continues to be guided by updates from SA Health and Catholic Education of South Australia (CESA).

■ Start of School Year 2022	
<p><u>Monday 31 January and Tuesday 1 February 2022</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These are pupil free days, providing time for staff to prepare for Term 1 teaching and learning. • For these dates families should plan 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 student will be turned away. To register your child for attendance on these dates please complete this Booking Form – one per child: Essential Workers Booking Form
<p><u>Wednesday 2 February to Friday 11 February 2022</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face to face learning - Reception and Year 1 	<p>Term 1 commences on Wednesday 2 February, at which time student learning will be supported in different formats depending on year level.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be expected to attend school for face-to-face learning from Wednesday 2 February. • For the first day of Reception, parents/caregivers (checking in via the school's COVID-Safe QR code and wearing a mask) may enter the school grounds drop their child to the classroom and should leave as quickly as possible. Further information regarding drop-off and pick up will be provided to families shortly.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote learning - Year 2-6 <p>Primary Campus: Phone: 8346 6548 Email: smcprimary@smc.sa.edu.au</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New students to St Michael's College Yr 2-6 • iPad Device collection • Parent Information Evening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where a student who is required to attend for face-to-face learning is absent for any days in Week 1 or 2 the school will, as is usual, make best endeavours to support student learning continuity. However, as teachers will be engaged in face-to-face teaching of their classes, they will not be readily available to support students who are absent from school. • Canteen facilities will be operational and available, including online orders from Wed 2 February 2022. • Students will be undertaking remote learning from Wednesday 2 February to Friday 11 February inclusive. Vulnerable students and students whose families are unable to resolve appropriate supervision arrangements for online learning at home during this period, should attend school and supervision for online learning will be made available. <i>To register your child for attendance on these dates please register on the above Booking Form.</i> • Details regarding online learning will be provided by class teachers via email. Please ensure your contact details and child's medical information is up to date and correct in Consent2Go. Contact Primary Admin if you cannot locate/do not receive the email. • New students are invited to visit their classroom and meet their class teacher on Monday 31 January 2022 between 9.30am and 12.30pm to orient themselves and obtain some guidance and support with the College's online learning platform. • Students who are beginning the school year via remote learning and require a school device, that is, iPad at Primary will have an opportunity to collect them from the College on Monday 31 January and/or Tuesday 1 February. Collection points and process will be communicated to families shortly. • Unfortunately, due to current restrictions a face-to-face presentation is not possible. To assist parents/caregivers, our staff will prepare videos covering information normally presented at Parent Information Evening. These will be made accessible to parents/caregivers in week 2. Further information about access will be provided in week 1.
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 COVID-Safe Measures	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IF UNWELL • Hygiene • Masks • Vaccination 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any student who is unwell, even mildly, or is required to isolate should not attend the school. • The College will continue to have extra cleaning occurring along with staff directing students to regularly wash hands and use sanitiser. Where possible, social distancing will be encouraged, and windows and doors will be opened to increase ventilation. Opportunities to work outdoors will also be explored. • Upon the return to face-to-face teaching for Years 3-6 students, masks will be strongly encouraged but are not compulsory. Students should bring their own masks to school. • Parents/caregivers of all eligible students (aged 5+) are encouraged to make arrangements for children to be vaccinated by visiting https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/booking

 If a confirmed COVID-19 case arises at school	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone (staff or student) who tests positive to COVID-19 will be required to isolate for 10 days. If a staff member or student tests positive to COVID-19 and has been to school while infectious, the site is not required to temporarily close. Instead, close contact management will occur for each education category (Student, Teacher or ESO, ESO in 1:1 setting, Ancillary staff and contractors), summarised on the attached <i>CESA Testing, Isolating and Quarantine for School Settings</i> document and available here.

 GENERAL OPERATIONS & ADVICE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Activities Weeks 1-4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assemblies, masses, camps, incursions, excursions, and other gatherings will be postponed. • Entry to our school site will be confined to essential visitors only. All visitors will be required to wear a mask and check in using our COVID Safe QR code.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Curricular Weeks 1-4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School sports (other than Physical Education classes) and other extra-curricular activities (e.g., instrumental tuition, ensembles, etc.) will be put on hold.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellbeing Support <p>Primary Campus: Phone: 8346 6548 Email: smcprimary@smc.sa.edu.au</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We continue to provide face to face counselling here on campus with our counsellors. Those students learning remotely can also have phone conversations or correspondence with our counsellors via telephone or email. Students wanting some support are asked to email: melanie.becker@smc.sa.edu.au or call Primary Admin to arrange a time and method.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Expectations - Uniform and Personal Presentation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The College has clear expectations from students on uniform standards, personal presentation, and student responsibilities. These are clearly outlined in the 2022 Back to School booklet and Parents - Important Information document located in the Parent Portal on SEQTA. We would appreciate your support in valuing and maintaining the College standards from the outset of the new year.

While the start of the year once again presents some challenges, we are committed to providing high quality learning, wellbeing and beginning of school experiences for your child.

On behalf of St Michael's College staff, we look forward to working in partnership with you and your child/ren for a successful school year.

Should you have any queries in relation to this correspondence, you are encouraged to contact the school from Monday 24 January:

Primary Campus - Phone: 8346 6548 Email: smcprimary@smc.sa.edu.au

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Damian McNamara
Acting Deputy Principal - Primary