

22 February 2022



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Next week marks Week 5 of Term 1.

The Education Minister, on the advice of the Chief Public Health Officer, has now confirmed that a number of school activities that have been on hold this year, may resume from next week with a further easing of activity restrictions expected to be announced for Week 9 of the Term.

From Monday 28 February 2022 we look forward to the following:

- Interschool sporting competitions.
- Extra-curricular activities including but not limited to choir, band practice and instrumental lessons.
- Day excursions and incursions. *Note that some excursion venues may have vaccination requirements.*
- Work experience and work placements.
- Formals. *Please note some venues may have vaccination requirements.*
- Outdoor assemblies and masses.

Unfortunately, school camps (except those required as part of the curriculum for SACE subjects) remain on hold for Weeks 5-8 inclusive.

From next week, volunteers approved by the Principal may return to the school (including in classrooms) and parents and visitors may attend the school for specific outdoor events, including but not limited to sports days and weekend sport.

Except for these specific outdoor events, parents and visitors are asked to continue to avoid attending the school/centre.

We have received communications from a few families of Early Primary students in regard to drop off for students. Should you believe your child requires support entering the Campus, please do so quickly and leave as soon as possible. Parents are asked not to move past the oval.

Where it is essential for volunteers, parents or visitors to attend the school site, they should continue to check in using our COVID SAfe QR code and to wear a mask while indoors.

A number of COVID controls will remain unchanged as follows:

- Face masks continue to be required when indoors for all staff, adult visitors and secondary students and encouraged for Year 3-6 students.
- The current [testing, isolating and quarantining approach](#) remains unchanged including management of and notification of classroom close contacts.
- Natural ventilation will continue to be maximised.
- No events involving parents or visitors may be held indoors (except school tours for prospective families).



The most important ongoing control against COVID-19 impacting our school community is for students, staff and visitors to stay home if they are unwell.

If your child displays even mild symptoms associated with COVID-19, please arrange for a PCR test and follow SA Health directions. If your child is confirmed as COVID-19 positive, please contact the school immediately. If we are notified that a person who attended school subsequently learns they are COVID-19 positive, we will communicate this with classroom contacts in line with the approach approved by SA Health.

If your child is absent from school due to COVID-19, the College will, as is usual, make best endeavours to support their learning continuity.

Once again, please be reminded that all children aged 5 and older are now eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, all aged 16 and older who have received two courses of the vaccine, are now eligible to receive a booster. Families are encouraged to make arrangements for your child to be vaccinated if not already, by visiting <https://covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/booking/>

Our school and all Catholic Education SA schools and services will continue to follow the advice of SA Health in order to minimise the potential for entry into and transmission of COVID-19 in our school environment.

St Michael's College has been very fortunate with a very small number of COVID-19 CASES. To date we have not had a reported case at the Primary Campus.

Please continue to work with us to ensure staff and students are receiving 'face to face' quality education and thank you for your understanding as we apply necessary COVID controls to keep our community safe.

Should you have any queries in relation to this correspondence, please contact either Campus Administration Offices.

Kind regards

*Damian Patton*

Acting Principal