

29 April 2022

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

We trust you and your families have enjoyed the recent holiday period.

PUPIL FREE DAY – MONDAY 2 MAY, 2022

As previously communicated, Monday 2 May is a pupil free day to ensure the College is best prepared to support learning continuity and wellbeing of our students throughout the term. We have offered supervision (not a learning program) for families unable to make alternative arrangements for the care of their child. If supervision is required, please confirm this by completing the [Student Online Attendance Form](#) as soon as possible.

MASKS IN SCHOOLS

As confirmed by the SA Premier, masks will continue to be required to be worn by staff and adults in schools, as well as by secondary students for the first four weeks of Term 2. Masks are also strongly encouraged for Years 3-6 students.

COVID-19: CLOSE CONTACTS

From 12.01am on Saturday 30 April 2022, asymptomatic close contacts will no longer be required to quarantine. They will instead be required to take five Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) over seven days and wear a mask when leaving home. This means that students who are asymptomatic close contacts may continue to attend school, though anyone over the age of 12 is required to wear a mask. To access free RATs, close contacts must register at

<https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/conditions/infectious+diseases/covid-19/testing+and+tracing/rapid+antigen+testing+rat+for+covid-19>

Close contacts who develop symptoms are still required to get a PCR test and isolate until a negative result is received.

COVID-19: POSITIVE CASES

If your child receives a positive COVID result (whether by a RAT test or a PCR test), you are required to keep your child at home; register the result online with SA Health, and advise the relevant Campus as follows:

During school hours, phone the relevant Campus: **Primary 8346 6548 Secondary 8356 5966**

Please do not phone the absentee line or SMS. It will be important for our staff to ask some questions, as required by SA Health, such as when your child first had symptoms and when you received the positive result. This will help us determine which families need to be notified.

Over a weekend, please email the relevant Campus:

Primary: smcprimary@smc.sa.edu.au

Secondary: smc@smc.sa.edu.au

On a week night, please phone the relevant Campus at 8:00am the following morning or email with the Subject heading of **"COVID RESULT"**. If you email, we will contact you requesting some further information.

Primary 8346 6548 smcprimary@smc.sa.edu.au

Secondary 8356 5966 smc@smc.sa.edu.au



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES / CO-CURRICULAR

Activity settings in Term 2 will be subject to change. We will continue to communicate information as it comes to hand in relation to student drop off and pick up, school sport, assemblies etc.

PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT

On behalf of the Chair of the College Board, I advise that the Principal vacancy at St Michael's College will be advertised nationally this coming weekend.

We look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday 3 May to begin Term 2.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Patton

Acting Principal