

Semester 1 2021 - COVID Update

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to term 1 2021. We are excited to have everyone back on campus and the safety of our students and staff remains a top priority.

Based on current health advice and recent changes announced by the NSW Premier we have updated our COVID-19 guidelines for term 1.

When visiting campus for anything other than drop-off or pick-up always make sure to sign in using the QR code displayed outside the meeting room or at the reception.

As we have learned over the past 12 months continue to use common COVID precautions and please avoid unnecessary gatherings during pick-up time.

Please do not send your children to school if you they experience any flu like symptoms and get them tested immediately. Students may only return to campus once you have received a negative test result. Please send a copy of the results email/SMS to Kate Rouvray.

What remains the same?

- Hand sanitising for all students and staff upon entry to campus remains in place.
- All visitors and staff must answer COVID safety questions when signing in (QR codes can be found around campus and at reception).
- Students exhibiting any signs or symptoms of flu like illness will be sent home. Students must get tested and return a negative result before they can return to campus.
- All school buses are equipped with hand sanitiser and get cleaned after every run.
- Staff and students are not required to wear masks while at school. Staff and students are permitted to wear their own mask.
- Hand washing routines and regular hygiene/social distancing education for all students remain in place. Hand sanitiser is being provided throughout the school.
- Additional cleaning of high touch surfaces & sanitary facilities remains in place.
- External visitors are still limited to essential meetings with staff and require an appointment.
- Students need to be dropped off and picked up without delay and carers should not enter the school grounds unless necessary.
- Excursions, school camps and interschool activities have resumed.
- All GISS sporting activities and competitions have resumed.
- All water bubblers are open again. We still recommend using water bottles.

Semester 1 changes:

- Parents of students entering Preschool, K, 1, 2, 5 and 7 may enter campus during the first week of school to drop off their kids and attend orientation sessions.
- Parent orientation meetings and 'meet the teacher' meetings with school staff for all year groups can take place on campus. Meetings should be limited to 1 hour where possible. A COVID-19 Safety Plan will be in place.
- On site capacity limits are based on the 4sqm rule and must have a [COVID-19 Safety Plan](#) in place.
- School community outdoor social events and functions can proceed with a [COVID-19 Safety Plan](#) in place. These are limited to 50 people outdoors for schools within Greater Sydney.
- Parents of new preschool students may continue to attend preschool as needed for a reasonable adjustment period.
- In line with NSW health orders, students over the age of 12 will be required to wear masks on GISS buses.
- Individual school tours may resume during school hours and group tours should take place out of school hours when possible.

Information current as of 29/01/20