

31 March 2022

Dear parents and caregivers,

As you may be aware, the Government has made some significant changes to the Covid-19 Protection Framework. These changes reflect the science and public health advice given to schools. The changes to the framework are welcome news and will allow our school community to ease some of the restrictions in our Covid-19 response planning.

Whilst we remain at level 'red' of the traffic light system, a further Government review is scheduled for Monday 4 April.

Key changes of the Framework

- Removal of the 'My Vaccine Pass' required to enter the school from Monday 4 April – return to usual signing in process for visitors
- Removal of any outdoor capacity limits – all sports spectators are welcome to attend events at school.
- Change to indoors capacity limits from 100 to 200 (but still allowing for one-metre spacing) – allow small school assemblies and staff meetings
- No requirement to display or scan QR codes
- No mask requirements when outdoors – interval and lunch (but masks remain a requirement indoors for staff and students)

Visitors

We can now safely welcome back all visitors to the college, especially our parents, and we encourage you to make contact with the school whenever needed.

Rostering home - CANCELLED

With the reduced number of staff and students affected by Covid-19, we can now safely accommodate all students on site from Monday 4 April. There will be no further rostering home of students.

Masks

Mask wearing for our staff and students whilst indoors remains a priority and we will continue to insist on this practice. Students are welcome to remove these at break times so that they can get some respite from the fatigue of wearing it all day and to get some fresh air. We also continue to focus on basic hygiene such as washing hands regularly, covering any coughs and sneezes, and cleaning surfaces regularly. Masks are still required to be worn when travelling to and from school on the bus.

Sickness

We will continue to monitor Covid-19 illness and expect from time to time, that some students and staff will need to isolate at home. This is in line with Government advice and, if this happens, we will support students to continue their learning at home to minimise any interruption. As always, and especially as we head into the winter season, we encourage you to get your booster and flu vaccinations and ensure your child's immunisations are all up to date. If you have any concerns about sending your child to school, please contact your child's Dean. We ask that you continue to keep a really close watch on your family members for any symptoms. If unwell, please stay at home and seek advice about getting a Covid-19 test.

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Principal