



1 February 2022

Dear families

As we welcome our students and families back to the 2022 school year we remain deeply committed to providing the best possible education for your child.

### **Our students are our focus**

The safety and well-being of all in our school communities continues to be a priority. Catholic Education Tasmania has worked closely with the Department of Education and Public Health to support your child's safe return to school, including providing all CET students with a COVID-19 pack.

This COVID-19 pack includes:

- Two surgical face masks for your child.
- Two rapid antigen tests (RATs) for your child.
- A *Supporting a Safe Return to School* flyer.

### **Your child is an important part of our school community**

If your child has a medical condition that limits her or him attending school, please notify the school. The Principal and staff will do everything they can to ensure that you have appropriate support to meet your child's educational needs, considering the medical advice that has been provided.

Whilst COVID vaccination is highly recommended for students over 5 years of age, be assured that Catholic Education Tasmania will not treat students differently based on their COVID vaccination status.

*As part of managing COVID-19 in our school communities please do not attend school if you are displaying cold or flu-like symptoms; stay home and phone your GP or the Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738.*

If you have any questions, please contact your school who are available to support you.

Yours in Christ

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# Supporting a Safe Return to School Term One 2022

## Early Learning and Care

Our early learning and care programs and out of school hours care are open with COVID safe measures in place.

## Setup for Success

Onsite delivery of Setup for Success has been postponed. Please contact your school directly for more information about the delivery of this program.

## Primary Students

Face-to-face learning will commence on school sites with COVID-safe measures in place.

## Secondary Students

Face-to-face learning will commence on school sites with COVID-safe measures in place.

## Online Learning

Online learning will only be provided for students who are required to isolate as a result of a positive COVID test, have been directed to isolate by Public Health or have been deemed a household close contact.

## Outdoor Learning

Schools will engage in outdoor learning opportunities where possible.

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Tasmania is deeply  
committed to  
providing the best  
possible education  
to your children  
in a manner that  
is supportive of  
ensuring the safety  
of students  
and staff.



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# Being COVID Safe

## Masks

Staff, visitors and contractors will be required to wear masks whilst indoors at all CET schools and offices.

Primary school students aged 12 and over who travel on buses will be required to wear masks whilst on the bus.

Students in Years 7-12 will be required to wear masks when indoors except when engaged in activities that require clear communication and/or vigorous exercise.

Students and staff will need to provide their own masks. A limited number of masks will be available if required.

## Distancing

Adults will maintain a distance of 1.5 metres from each other.

## Ventilation

Windows will be open where possible and purifiers will be available where required.

## Hygiene

Regular hand washing and sanitising will continue.

## Cleaning

Regular cleaning and disinfecting of high touch surfaces and frequently used objects will continue.

## Checking In

In addition to signing in at the office, visitors will need to sign in using the Check in TAS app.



## Vaccination

Whilst COVID vaccination is highly recommended for students over 5 years of age, Catholic Education Tasmania will not treat students differently based on their COVID vaccination status.

Catholic Education Tasmania recommends all our staff achieve and maintain full COVID-19 vaccination status.

# Managing COVID

## Managing symptoms

All students, staff and visitors must not attend school sites if they are unwell, if they have symptoms of COVID-19, have been directed to isolate by Public Health or have been deemed to be a household close contact.

Please do not attend school if you are displaying cold or flu-like symptoms; stay home and phone your GP or the Public Health Hotline on 1800 671 738.

If a student displays cold or flu-like symptoms they will be required to return home. Should a staff member display symptoms they will be directed to return home as soon as possible.

## Testing

CET has secured two rapid antigen test kits for each of our staff and students. It is anticipated that the kits will be available for distribution to schools by the commencement of Term One.

