



Starting back at school- Week 3 14th February - update

Dear Parents/Caregivers

We are excited to have everyone back at school face to face next week!

Welcome back to years 2-6 who have been learning remotely for the past two weeks. A huge thank you to our staff (teachers, SSO's, ICT support) who have put considerable time in to make this work as best as practicable. We know there have been 'challenges' at times but well done to all families for your support and perseverance. If you are one of the many families who borrowed a lap top from the school, we ask that you return it to the front office next week, so we can then re-deploy these back into your child's classroom/ learning space.

Please note: as is the case in all public schools, the learning programme goes back to 'face to face' in all year levels as of next week. Schools will no longer offer online learning as an option. If your child happens to be away sick and you may be looking for some activities for them to do, please go to the departments 'Our Learning SA' website at: <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/our-learning-sa>

Some quick information in regards to next week's start (including COVID-safety):

- **Canteen (run by Rory's School lunches)**

The canteen is open for orders and will commence next week. Please use the Qkr app to pre-order and pay. More info is available at <https://rorys.com.au/> or call the parent hotline on 0413575800 if you need help getting online or have any queries.



- **Uniform Shop (run by UMS)**

The school based uniform shop is open *every Wednesday from 8.00am-9.30am* (just next to the Book Nook library on Eastern side of school). Sometimes there can be a large line so if you wanted you can also visit the UMS Clearview store open Mon-Fri.

For more info including shopping online go to www.umspl.com.au – or call them on 0409178994.

Sun safety- hats are back!

Remember your child will need a sun safe school hat as part of our school's sun protection safety. Please ensure it is labelled in case it gets misplaced.

AGM postponed until next term

The Governing Council have decided to postpone our AGM until early next term to maximize the opportunity for parents to attend. The new date is now Tuesday 10th May (week 2) at 7pm in the Mobarra Rooms (gym). Please put this date in your diary; reminders will come out closer to the date.

School fees

School fees invoices have been posted out to all families. We have extended the payment deadline until February 28th as some people may not have got their statement yet. If you think you did not get your statement, please speak to Magdalene – Finance Officer in our Cash Office and she will reprint one for you. If you would like to organise a 'payment plan' or apply for school card or have a question, speak to Magdalene – she is happy to assist.

COVID Safety measures

After the 'staggered start' to the school year, we are welcoming back another 400 + students next week. We are well prepared to have everybody return to school in a safe learning environment. To ensure we are all 'COVID-safe' and minimise risks, please respect and adhere to the following school guidelines:

- **All adults are to wear masks when on school grounds;** only come onto school grounds if essential.
- **Please do not go into buildings/ learning areas/ corridors;** assist your child outside the building if necessary.



- **Please QR code ‘check’ in when coming onto school grounds** (laminated signs are in various windows).
- ***If you or your children are unwell or may have ‘COVID like symptoms’ please stay home.***
- **If your child returns a positive COVID-test**, please notify your child’s teacher and school immediately
- Face masks are ‘strongly encouraged’ for years 3-6; the school has some supplies should your child require one from their teacher.
- The school will continue to provide hand wash/sanitizer to students/ staff throughout the day.
- **Please drop off and pick up your child quickly**, then move off from school promptly; please do not gather in large groups and remember to socially distance.
- **Please do not use the playgrounds after school**; move off promptly at pick up time.

We thank you for your support with these important safety measures, to help minimize risks relating to COVID-19.

Important Information regarding COVID-19

COVID-19 Positive scenario

Just a reminder that if your child does test positive to COVID-19 please communicate this as a matter of urgency by calling the front office on 82601681. Please be prepared to provide the following Information to enable us to accurately determine if any staff or student may be a classroom contact:

- Student Name and Year Level
- Date that symptoms were first noticed
- Date of positive test result
- Start of infectious period date (This is the period 2 days before symptoms started or if there were no noticeable symptoms, 2 days before the positive test was taken. The infectious period ends 10 days after the student had their positive test taken).
- Any additional information that may assist with contact tracing.



COVID-19 'Classroom Contacts'

We have had a few COVID-19 positive cases at school. The Department for Education has a number of protocols with respect to managing these circumstances.

Our first priority is always the health and wellbeing of our school community. We will send notification to families via SMS and email of all student families that are deemed 'classroom contacts' of a COVID-19 positive person. For privacy reasons we can only share the date(s) of potential exposure (we ask that parents please refrain from calling as we cannot share any further details). If you receive a notification, please read and follow the instructions therein. The most important thing to do over the ensuing 7 days is to monitor your child for any symptoms of COVID-19, and if you are at all concerned, please get tested. Please also note that the school does not supply Rapid Antigen Tests to students who are classroom contacts.

Classroom contacts can still attend school providing they are well, however it is strongly recommended that they avoid some 'high risk' settings such as OSHC.

Thank you

Kind regards

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