

# THE HUTCHINS SCHOOL

## Returning to school safely

The safety and wellbeing of all students and staff is our highest priority. As we return to school in 2022, the following measures will be in place, in line with Government recommendations.



### School events

Co-curricular activities, school camps, assemblies and excursions will continue wherever possible in a COVID-safe manner. This includes maintaining physical distancing wherever possible, limiting group sizes and minimising the mixing of students and staff across different year levels. The details as they relate to specific year groups, camps, activities and the boarding house will be shared separately by the Head of each School, Head of Boarding or staff member responsible for the activity or event.



### Site management

Stop, drop and go will continue in Term 1 to minimise congestion and maintain physical distancing between adults except for parents/carers of Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten children who may accompany their son to and from the classroom at the commencement and conclusion of each day.

Parents/carers are encouraged to communicate with staff via email, phone call or meet virtually where possible.

Essential visitors are to limit their time on campus and must always wear a mask and sign in at the nearest reception area (ELC, Junior, Middle or Senior School). All adult visitors on campus who have a face to face meeting with staff of more than 15 minutes must be fully vaccinated. Proof of vaccination will be required when signing in at reception. All Hutchins School staff, including volunteers and contractors are fully vaccinated.



### School pick up times

The end of the School day has been staggered to minimise congestion and mixing of year groups:

- Pre-Kindergarten – 2.15pm
- Kindergarten P – 2.30pm
- Prep – 2.40pm
- Year 1 – 2.50pm
- Year 2 – 3.00pm
- Year 3 – 3.05pm
- Year 4 – 3.10pm
- Year 5 – 3.15pm
- Year 6 – 3.20pm
- Year 7 – 3.25pm
- Year 8 – 3.30pm
- Years 9 and 10 – 3.25pm
- Years 11 and 12 – 3.30pm



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Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten families will receive a separate communication about drop-off and pick up arrangements from Ms Naomi Pritchard-Tiller, Director of Kindergarten and Children's Services, prior to the commencement of term.



### Hygiene practices

The School will continue the increased daily cleaning regime during the School day and across the whole site as well as personal hygiene, for example, cleaning hands before and after all break times.



### Face masks

All adults and students in Years 6-12 are required to wear face masks indoors while at School. Students in the Early Learning Centre and Junior School are encouraged to wear face masks indoors, however, this is optional. All students, regardless of age, are required to wear a face mask when travelling on school buses to and from school. Masks will be available on buses and at reception for any students or visitors requiring a mask. Exceptions to the wearing of face masks indoors include physical exercise, eating and drinking and in special circumstances where clear communication is needed from the teacher.



### Ventilation

The School has ordered 120 air purifiers that will be installed in every classroom, common room and many office spaces across the whole school. It is expected the air purifiers will be installed before 7 February. Natural ventilation including the use of outdoor spaces for learning, and open windows and doors in all classrooms will be implemented.



### Student learning during isolation

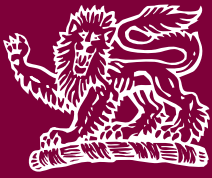
All students should be at school unless they are unwell or become a close contact and are required to isolate. Remote learning will only be implemented in cases where a whole class is required to isolate for a period of time. The School's learning management systems will have class work available for individual students in Years 3-12 to access remotely (Rory: Years 6-12; Google Classroom: Years 3-5).

For students in the Early Learning Centre, a learning pack will be sent home for the period of isolation. Students with individual learning plans will receive contact from a staff member to discuss learning support provisions.



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## Managing COVID-19 cases

### COVID-19 testing

If your child is unwell, they must stay at home. If they have cold and flu-like symptoms it is essential to get tested for COVID-19 and advise the School of a positive result. If a student becomes symptomatic during the School day they will need to be collected and taken home as soon as possible. Each student will be provided with an initial supply of two rapid antigen tests (RATs) to be used if they develop cold and flu-like symptoms during the term. The School will provide replacement RATs as needed.

### Positive cases at home

If a student tests positive they must isolate for at least seven days and return to school once symptom free. Students who are close contacts of a household case must follow the quarantine guidelines provided by Public Health and isolate for seven days. Testing for COVID-19 on days 1 and 6.

### Positive cases at school

If there is a case of COVID-19 in your child's classroom, the School will communicate with you directly. In these cases, parents and carers are required to monitor their child closely for symptoms. If your child is unwell, they are to stay at home and get tested. Students and staff will isolate only if positive or symptomatic.

### Outbreak

Where there are multiple COVID-19 cases in a classroom, Public Health will work closely with the School and advice will be communicated directly with the families impacted. The current advice is that an outbreak is determined when five or more cases occur within a class over seven days (Prep to Year 12) or three cases identified within seven days in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten. In most circumstances when an outbreak has been determined, staff and students in that class are to be tested immediately and then every two to three days.



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