



## 2022 COVID-19 Update 2

Dear Parents/Guardians

Today the Premier and Minister for Education announced the safe return to school plan. It outlines the current protocols and guidelines for returning to school.

### Attending school

All students are expected to attend school, except for those students medically referred to learn from home. This means students are either:

- At school
- Unwell and at home
- Medically referred to learn from home.

### Masks

Students must wear masks on public transport and while on the College grounds including inside the classroom. Students eating, drinking or engaging in vigorous exercise do not have to wear a mask. Students are expected to provide their own masks.

### Health and hygiene

The safety of our students and staff is our number one priority. Arrangements are in place with regard to safety, to reduce direct contact, enhance personal hygiene practices, and strengthen cleaning regimes at the College. The College has organised air purifiers to be available in rooms that have been identified as needing additional airflow.

Our cleaning staff will work throughout the day to ensure all high-use areas, such as benchtops, desks, doorknobs, taps and handrails, are regularly cleaned and surfaces disinfected.

Supplies of soap and other cleaning agents are available.

Students and staff are encouraged to wash their hands as often as possible and use hand sanitiser.

Current national medical advice confirms that the two square metre rule and the 1.5 metre distancing between students during classroom activities is not required.

### School closures

If there is a confirmed COVID-19 case at Kennedy, the decision to close is based on the expert advice from the WA Health Department's Chief Health Officer.

The Chief Health Officer will, if there has been a positive COVID-19 test result, close the school temporarily while assessment and tracing of exposure is conducted. A thorough school clean will then be carried out to make the College safe for the return of students and staff.

In this situation, all families will be immediately contacted by the College and provided with the relevant information.

### Vaccinations

It is currently NOT mandated for students to be vaccinated in order to attend school. However external premises used by the College may require full vaccination. Please provide the College with your child's vaccination status by uploading the details through Parent Lounge.

If you suspect you may have COVID-19 symptoms or may have had close contact with a person who has COVID-19, you should call 13COVID.

For more information

WA Department of Health: [healthy.wa.gov.au/coronavirus](https://healthy.wa.gov.au/coronavirus)

Call the Coronavirus information helpline on 13 COVID (13 268 43).

If you require advice or support for your child's education due to COVID-19, contact your school or education regional office.

For further advice or support for your child's schooling arrangements phone the Parent COVID-19 Helpline on 1800 882 345 (8.00am to 4.00pm) or email [CoronavirusSupport@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:CoronavirusSupport@education.wa.edu.au).

For general or travel related queries about COVID-19 visit [healthdirect](https://healthdirect.gov.au).

Visit the Australian Department of Health website or details about the COVID-19.

You can also visit the World Health Organisation website for more information about COVID-19 and for updates.

Telethon Institute for Kids - Tips for discussing Coronavirus (COVID-19) with your kids

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