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Dear Parents/Caregivers

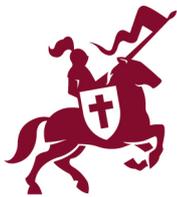
**Re: Implications of COVID-19 for start of Term 3**

From briefings by government bodies and Catholic Schools NSW, the following represents what we must do as we commence Term 3.

- Chevalier College and all regional schools have been classed as Level 2 schools, so the following apply from Tuesday 13 July:
  - non-essential visitors are not permitted on site
  - parents/caregivers are to remain in their vehicles when picking up or dropping off children
  - if picking up during school hours, please park in the Charlotte Street carpark and send an SMS to 0419 829 442 – we will then send your child out to you.
- If it is essential for you as parent/caregiver to enter the college, you must:
  - report to the main reception, NOT student services
  - wear a mask at all times
  - hand-sanitise on entry
  - QR code on entry (or use the paper register provided)
  - QR code on exit.
- As a Level 2 school, we are *not* to provide online learning. All students must attend school from next Tuesday 13 July – unless they are unwell. Students who live in lockdown areas are permitted to attend school as long as they are symptom-free.
- School buses will be running as normal from Tuesday next week. Masks, unless an exception applies, must be worn on public transport at all times – this includes to and from school on buses and trains.
- Personal hygiene practices will remain in place as they were in Terms 1 and 2.
- Private music lessons will not take place in Week 1. Hopefully they will resume for Week 2.
- ISA sport has been cancelled for Saturday 17 July, by the ISA. However, training will take place in Week 1.

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### **What is permitted during school hours and within schools under current restrictions**

- Sport within school grounds can continue, provided mingling of students is minimised.
- Work experience.
- Emergency drills.
- All external providers and specialist programs not directly related to educational outcomes and support.
- Assemblies can be held with COVID-safe practices in place. *No visitors permitted.*
- Singing, chanting, group repetition and choirs are permitted *if conducted outside in a well-ventilated area.*
- Bands and ensembles are permitted in line with current health advice.
- Dance or drama are permitted in line with COVID-safe practices within classes.
- Library activities are permitted in line with the infection control requirements.
- Excursions are limited to outdoor locations within the Local Government Area of the school where the school can demonstrate COVID-safe practices.
- Inter-school, inter-regional and intrastate activities and events, such as gala days and sporting carnivals can continue with COVID-safe practices in place. (ISA sport is cancelled for Saturday 17 July.)

### **Other activities that can continue off or on site**

- Trade schools
- VET and TAFE courses
- Research and practicum teachers
- Work experience

### **What is not permitted or is on hold during school hours or within school grounds**

Schools must cease the following activities:

- Camps and out of area field trips
- Overnight stays
- International excursions
- Student visits to aged care facilities
- Community events within school hours.

### **School attendance**

Staff and students *should not attend work or school if unwell*, even with mild symptoms of COVID-19. Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home and should not return to school unless:



- they have isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available
- they have a negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom free.

In circumstances where children or staff have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a *letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.*

**\*Most significant changes**

- Students and staff are to wear a mask indoors whilst at school unless they are exempt.
- Students are exempt from wearing a mask if they have a physical or mental health condition that makes wearing a mask unsuitable. E.g., a skin condition, autism or trauma.
- If you believe your child is exempt from wearing a mask, please send a note to school with your child on Tuesday or email their Stage Coordinator. We will then take steps to look after them.

**\*Mask supply**

- Please send your child to school with a mask/s.
- The school is attempting to procure a large quantity of masks; however, due to the late notification of this recommendation, which the school has adopted in order to keep students and staff as safe as possible from COVID-19, we do not know yet whether adequate supplies will have arrived by Tuesday next week.

Finally, thank you in advance for your understanding and patience as we travel again in uncharted waters. We will continue to update you regularly as the situation evolves.

Best wishes

Chris McDermott  
**Principal**