

12 January 2022

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Welcome back to 2022.

As announced by the Premier on Sunday 9 January, the start of the 2022 school year in Queensland will move from 24 January to 7 February to avoid opening schools during the predicted peak of the Omicron wave and allow more time for children to receive their COVID-19 vaccinations.

### Key Date and Lesson changes

- Year 11 & 12 students will begin classes on Monday, 31 January, via online processes. Year 11 and 12 students will not be on campus during this week but will be expected to login and participate in remote lessons at their designated lesson times.
- The College will send instructions on how Year 11 & 12 students will access their lessons, course work and timetables in the coming days.
- Year 7 – 10 students will remain on holidays until Sunday, 6 February.
- **Face-to Face classes will commence on campus on Monday, 7 February for all students, at 8.30am.**
- The school year will be moved a week and will now conclude on Thursday, 1 December.
- A decision is yet to be made regarding the student free day (Bishop's Inservice day for all staff) currently scheduled for Friday 18 February.

### Essential Workers

- Students from families of essential workers and/or are deemed as vulnerable, will be provided supervision at the College Library commencing Monday, 24 January.
- No formal classes or course work will be provided for these students during this time. The intent will be solely general supervision.
- Students will need to be at the College by 8:30am and will be able to leave at 3pm.
- If you are requiring this service, please contact the College no later than Friday, 21 January, to register your son's name, year level and the days he will be attending. A response email will be sent to you and your son, outlining the expectations.

### Laptop and Textbook Collection

- Dates will remain for laptop and textbook collections as previously scheduled:

Wednesday, 19 January	12.00pm - 4.00pm
Thursday, 20 January	8.30am - 4.00pm
Friday, 21 January	8.30am - 4.00pm
- An additional Laptop and textbook collection opportunity will also be available on:

Friday, 4 February	8.30am - 4.00pm
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### Boarding Arrangements

- New Boarding students will attend an induction and enter their residences on Saturday, 5 February, at 11.00am.
- Existing Boarders will return Sunday, 6 February.
- We are aware that some families may run into difficulty returning their son to the College due to cyclones, flights and other unforeseen circumstances, if this is the case, please contact the College as soon as practical.

### Uniforms

- The College is experiencing supply issues with some uniform items. This is a result of the transport and production problems many sectors are experiencing. It is only a timing issue and at this stage we are low on new College shirts and bucket hats. If you require a College shirt for the commencement of the academic year and the uniform shop is out of stock (for your sons size), the College has second-hand shirts available.
- Families are most welcome to borrow second-hand shirts in the interim until new stock arrives. If this is applicable to you, please see the staff in the uniform shop and they will direct you to who can help you with this. Once supplies arrive, we would ask that you return the shirt/s so we can issue them to families in need throughout the year.
- In regard the bucket hats, the most important consideration is sun safety. Students will be welcome to bring an appropriate alternative hat to the College until supplies arrive. Again, if this applies to you, please provide the College with notification that you have not been able to purchase a hat at this stage. The College will notify all families when stock becomes available.

### COVID-19 Protocols

- All COVID-19 protocols as per the Health Officer regulations will be implemented by the College. This will include positive case notifications, COVID-19 event plans and risk assessments and social distancing requirements.
- In relation to the use of masks it is expected at this time that all students and staff will be required to wear a mask indoors and when they are unable to socially distance outside. Further information on masks can be found on the Queensland Health website.



I realise these latest developments may create challenges for many families. Please be assured these decisions have been taken as a necessary response to the evolving COVID-19 situation. I will continue to keep you updated as our response to the current wave of COVID-19 evolves. I encourage you to stay informed of the latest developments relating to COVID-19 by regularly visiting the Queensland Government website.

Thank you for your understanding as we continue to work together during this difficult time.

Kind regards

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Principal