



20 October 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The term has started well and we are delighted that currently we are in a position to have all year-end functions face-to-face, it really isn't the same online. Thank you to all the parents who have been attending our functions and complying with the COVID rules in place.

Just to reiterate, if you do come on campus and are within 1.5m of another person, you will need to wear your mask – the same rules apply here as they do off-campus. The good news is that, once you are seated you may remove your mask. The same rules apply to students, with teachers allowed to remove their masks when teaching.

Easing of border restrictions

Our Premier has announced Queensland's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan which provides a roadmap to the easing of restrictions and opening up borders in the lead up to Christmas.

Below is a summary of the key milestones:

At 70% of population vaccinated:

Once 70% of Queensland's eligible population have been fully vaccinated (expected on 19 November 2021) anyone who has been in a declared domestic hotspot in the previous 14 days can travel into Queensland provided:

- They are fully vaccinated
- Arrive by air
- Have had a negative COVID-19 test in the previous 72 hours
- Undertake home quarantine for 14 days.

Direct international arrivals into Queensland will have to complete 14 days quarantine in a government-nominated facility.

International arrivals who arrive via another state or territory will have to quarantine in a Government-nominated facility until 14 days have passed since they arrived into Australia.



Developing character, inspiring hope

At 80% of population vaccinated:

Once 80% of Queensland's eligible population have been fully vaccinated (expected on 17 December 2021):

- Travelers from an interstate hotspot can arrive by road or air
- They must be fully vaccinated
- They must have had a negative COVID-19 test in the previous 72 hours
- No quarantine required.

Direct international arrivals can undertake 14 days (subject to review by AHPPC) home quarantine and subject to conditions set by Queensland Health provided they are:

- Fully vaccinated
- Have a negative COVID test in previous 72 hours.

It is important to note that at 80% vaccination coverage, there will not be government financial assistance available in the event of increased restrictions or lockdowns.

As of 18 October: 72.8% of Queenslanders 16 plus have had one dose and 57.5% are fully vaccinated.

For the full details of Queensland's COVID Vaccination Plan please read the Queensland Premier's media release <https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/93541>

Free conference for parents

I am happy to inform you that the College has purchased a group pass for parents to attend a virtual conference, with presentations made by top experts on issues affecting our children. The topics addressed include:

- Building every day resilience in children and teens
- The secrets of post-pandemic wellbeing in young people
- Caring for our wellbeing
- Cultivating resilience in the presence of Autism and Anxiety
- Navigating the online world
- Alcohol and drugs and teens – what to do

The experts who will be presenting on these topics are:

Ebony Birch-Hanger (educator and therapist)

Sharon Witt (author, educator)

Susan McLean (cybersafety expert)

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg (high-profile psychologist)

Michelle Mitchell (author, educator)

Paul Dillon (drug and alcohol specialist, founder of DARTA)

I have been lucky enough to attend talks by three of these presenters and they were outstanding (and usually quite pricey!). It promises to be a great conference, with the added bonus of having eight weeks to watch the speakers. I encourage you to register.

For more information you can go to: <https://www.resilientkidsconference.com.au/>

Access to the Resilient Kid Conference is available for eight weeks from Saturday 23 October, please click on the link below by 5pm Friday 22 October. You will need to follow the following steps:

- Get tickets
- Virtual access pass
- Enter DISCOUNT CODE: SSC (this code is only available until 5pm on Friday and will reduce your cost to \$0)
- Enter contact details

<https://events.humanitix.com/resilient-kids-virtual-conference-2021>

I wish you all the very best for Term Four which, historically, rushes past far too quickly.

Our Year 12s have started their external assessment period, so it is appropriate that we pray for them at this time.

*God of Wisdom, guide them as they choose questions and the way in which they answer them
God of Peace, keep them calm so that they can do their best
God of Understanding: help them to keep all of this into perspective*

Amen

Yours sincerely



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