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Dear Parents and Caregivers

It has been so wonderful hearing the chatter and laughter of students back on campus this week. I hope that they are all settling quickly back into the swing of things and that all new students are feeling welcome and settled. If you have any concerns please reach out to your child's Head of Year in the Senior College or their class teacher in the Junior College.

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of a few procedures that you may have missed in the huge amount of 'start of year' information that has come your way.

Obviously, given the large number of cases of COVID in the community and the ease with which the Omicron variant spreads, it is vital that we do all we can to keep our precious children and staff safe.

- Please do not send your child to school if they are sick or have even the mildest COVID symptoms
- Please inform the College absentee line or via the App if your child tests positive for COVID
- If we become aware of a positive case in the College community, parents of students in the affected year level will be informed, without providing the name of the student or teacher for privacy purposes. In this way you can be extra vigilant in monitoring your child for signs and symptoms
- If you or your child is a close-contact you must quarantine for seven days from the time of contact and have a negative RAT on the sixth day. Steps to follow if you are a close contact: <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/stay-informed/exposed-to-covid/close-contacts>
- The only parents who should be on campus are parents of students in Prep (until Friday 4 March) and Year 1 (until Friday 11 March) and those attending essential meetings that cannot be held via MS Teams
- If you absolutely have to be on campus please ensure that you wear a mask. If you have an exemption, please maintain a 1.5m distance from others at all times
- Please do not gather for conversations with other parents on campus or around the entrances

More details of what on-campus learning entails is in the detailed letter sent to all parents on Wednesday 2 February.



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The staff at Saint Stephen's greatly appreciate your support in doing all we can to keep our children safe.

*Jesus, I ask you to shower me with your grace and patience today.  
Let me be an extension of Your love and kindness to everyone I encounter.  
In Jesus' name, amen.*

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Cohen', written in a cursive style.

Ms Kim Cohen  
**Principal**