
Macquarie College COVID-19 Update 22 ~ 14 May

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Good morning Parents and Carers,

Below is a further update from Macquarie College in relation to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Resumption of Full Time Onsite Learning for all K-12 Students from Monday 18 May 2020

Macquarie College is looking forward to welcoming back all students K-12 to full time onsite learning at our campus from Monday 18 May 2020.

Parents and carers can be assured that the school has applied all advice provided by the Federal Government to ensure the safe return of your children to in-class, face-to-face learning.

To assist us in the process of managing the health and wellbeing of all students, staff and visitors accessing the school site over the coming weeks, please take particular note of the following expectations:

Management of students who are unwell:

Current health advice for families with students who are unwell (temperature at or above 37.9 or with severe respiratory symptoms) is for those students to be kept at home and under no circumstances should they be sent to school. In such circumstances, the unwell student should remain at home until they are symptom free without the use of fever-reducing medications (e.g. cold and flu medications, cough suppressants etc.). In circumstances where a student presents at school when they are unwell or develops flu-like symptoms throughout the day, families will be asked to collect them immediately. This advice is not based on the assumption that a student presenting with flu-like symptoms does, in fact, have COVID-19, but rather is a proactive measure to ensure that in the worst case scenario, the risk of secondary infections is greatly reduced.

Management of an onsite COVID-19 case:

In the event of a confirmed case of COVID-19, Macquarie College will instigate a staged closure based upon the support and advice of relevant Government Departments and the Association of Independent Schools NSW. Any such staged closure would likely result in the following stepped out process:

1. School closure for a limited number of days to allow identification of potential primary and secondary transmitters of the virus (1-2 days is the typical period of school closure to date).
2. Exclusion of any students and/or staff for a mandated period of isolation (the period of isolation to be determined by the relevant Government authority).
3. Deep cleaning of the school to eliminate potential virus residue (completed by an authorised agency).
4. School reopens (pending approval of the relevant Government authority).

When considering the above points it is important to note that a potential response may vary dependent upon the scale of any exposure.

Management of our learning spaces and programs includes the following requirements/expectations:

- The provision of hand sanitizer and/or soap and water in all classrooms/work spaces

- Maintaining cross ventilation of classrooms (including doors to remain open unless inappropriate)
- Daily deep cleaning of all high-use areas, including the disinfecting of high-use surfaces
- Use of outdoors spaces to be used for classes where practicable
- Nil assemblies, chapel programs or interschool sports/cultural events
- Nil excursions/camps
- Where practicable, students encouraged to observed the 1.5m distancing rules throughout the school day (including staff supervision of the canteen and outdoor areas)
- All staff meetings/gatherings via online platforms or where distancing protocols are observed (this measure includes staff offices)
- Infrared thermometer checks of staff and students throughout each day.

Management of our site access includes the following requirements/expectations:

- Staff supervision of the drop off and pick up areas to ensure all non-essential site visitors remain in vehicles (when dropping off/picking up any K-12 students, all parents/carers are to remain in their vehicles)
- All site visitors, including parents/carers and contractors, to report to the main school office to both sign in and have their temperature checked via an infrared thermometer, prior to entry onto the campus
- A limit of two customers, by appointment, in the Uniform Store at any one time.

Will MC Cloud still be available after all classes have returned to full time onsite learning?

Macquarie College understands that there may be some families for whom the MC Cloud platform remains the most suitable form of learning due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Families wishing to access MC Cloud from Monday 18 May will need to re-register for the program via these links:

[K,1,11,12 MC Cloud Registration Link](#)

[Yr 2-10 MC Cloud Registration Link](#)

Thank you again for your continued support of Macquarie College. We have valued your feedback and interest in the school's programs throughout the COVID-19 period and, as we look forward to welcoming all students back to school from next Monday, please be assured that while we are totally committed to providing a safe and happy learning environment for your children, your input and perspective remains a key part of our planning considerations. As such, feel welcome to contact me directly at principal@mc.nsw.edu.au if I can be of assistance over the coming days and weeks.

Finally a quick reminder again in relation to the MC COVID-19 Relief Fund. Please continue to contact our Business Manager, Stephen Andrews, at businessmanager@mc.nsw.edu.au, if assistance, via the MC COVID-19 Relief Fund may be beneficial either now or in the coming 18 months in relation to school fees and/or other school expenses.

Macquarie College will continue to monitor the current Government advice in relation to the COVID-19 outbreak and provide further updates as relevant to our community.

Kind regards,

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