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## Macquarie College COVID-19 Update 24 ~ 24 July

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Good morning Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 3 at Macquarie College, I trust that the term break, despite the continued disruption as a consequence of the COVID-19 virus, provided your family with an opportunity for rest and timeout together.

As we head into Term 3, I'm very conscious of the fact that the circumstances relating to COVID-19 in our community is very much an evolving story. The updates below are reflective of current Government advice and are therefore intended to ensure that we can continue to provide a safe environment for students, staff and visitors.

Most particularly, there are now some important changes to campus access, both by pedestrians and vehicles. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with these.

**K-12 Classes Resuming from Monday 27 July.**

As has been previously published, Macquarie College is looking forward to welcoming back all students K-12 to full-time onsite learning at our campus from Monday 27 July 2020.

Parents and carers can be assured that the school will continue to apply all advice provided by the Government to effectively manage the health and wellbeing of students, staff and visitors on the campus.

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 term, 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, severe respiratory symptoms and cold or flu-like 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 cold or 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 cold or 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.

**Pedestrian Campus Access:**

Current Government advice to schools specifically states that non-essential visitors to school sites should not be permitted access. This includes non-essential visits by parents and carers. As such, parents and carers are required to remain offsite unless they have signed in and completed the COVID-19 specific sign-in process at the main office reception area. This requirement includes parents and carers who may in the past have walked through the gates or through the

pick-up/drop-off areas at the start or end of the day. While such processes may be inconvenient, they are intended to ensure the health and wellbeing of all concerned.

#### **Vehicle Campus Access:**

Again, in accordance with current Government advice, parents and carers arriving at the campus in private vehicles must not drive onto the campus beyond the round-about adjacent to the Preschool and/or the lower bus bay area car parks. Parents and carers are now not permitted to drive past the round-about adjacent to the Preschool and proceed into the Sports Centre car park or the parking areas adjacent to the church or demountable classrooms. These requirements are intended to specifically manage uncontrolled access to the campus and while this may be inconvenient for some who regularly access these areas, please be assured that these steps have been taken as part of our overall management of health and wellbeing on the campus site.

#### **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. In such an event, parents and carers will be advised of any such mandated measures which are implemented at that time.

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

- Fixed hand sanitizer dispensers have now been installed in all classrooms on the campus. Students will be asked to use hand sanitizer upon entering classrooms and prior to eating.
- 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 outdoor spaces to be used for classes where practicable
- Limited assemblies, nil in-person chapel programs or interschool sports/cultural events
- Nil excursions/camps

- Infrared thermometer checks of students throughout each day.

### **MC Cloud:**

The MC Cloud program will pause in its current form for the remainder of the year, as current Government advice indicates that on-campus teaching continues to be safe for students.

We trust that you have appreciated the hard work of your students and the teachers involved in the program, and understand that the offsite implementation of MC Cloud was, at times, complex and difficult for many family members who supported the remote learning of their children.

While we are pausing MC Cloud at this time, and trust that it will not be required in a like format again this year, we are aware of some interest in possible off-campus learning via MC Cloud in the future. This will take some careful planning, however, if you are a parent or carer with such an interest, please feel welcome to email Mr. Chapman (Assistant Principal - Teaching and Learning/Global Partnerships) at [dchapman@mc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:dchapman@mc.nsw.edu.au) to be part of any such conversation. To be clear, MC Cloud will not be available in Term 3, but we are open to hearing from you in relation to your interest in potential iterations of MC Cloud in the future.

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. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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