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## Macquarie College COVID-19 Update 2 ~ 8 March 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This COVID-19 update specifically relates to NSW Government advice published on 5 March 2021 and includes mandated requirements in regard to various aspects of the school's operation in the current COVID-19 context.

While there is now a relaxing of some restrictions, such as parents/carers accessing the MC site, we remain conscious that restrictions may be reintroduced at short notice dependent upon advice from NSW Health.

MC remains prepared to move to online learning at short notice if required, will continue to ensure cleaning is maintained to a high standard, and remains prepared to respond appropriately in the event of a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 in our school.

Effective from Monday 8 March 2021 the following now applies:

### Visiting the Macquarie College Site

Parents and carers are now able to enter MC's school grounds but should continue to follow COVID safe practices, including social distancing between adults of 1.5 metres.

Parents and carers can now also attend school sporting events subject to the conditions of a site/venue's COVID Safety Plan (e.g. where 50 or more adults are gathering for a specific event).

### School Attendance

In accordance with [advice from NSW Health](#), parents and carers are reminded **NOT** to send their young people to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms.

NSW Health has requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the [COVID-19 clinics](#).

Students and staff with flu-like symptoms will need to be tested and provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result, and be symptom-free, before being permitted to return to school.

Students who do not undertake a COVID-19 test will not be permitted to return to school for a 10-day period. Additionally, they must be symptom-free for at least 3 days prior to returning to school.

Students who have seasonal allergic rhinitis or another condition that presents similarly to flu-like symptoms are still required to get tested for COVID-19 and return a negative test result. Where their symptoms continue beyond 10 days, students should provide documentation from their GP confirming their symptoms are typical for their condition. If the student develops new or changed symptoms, they should get tested for COVID-19. Find more information about [COVID-19 symptoms](#).

COVID-19 testing for students with complex health or disability may be challenging. In these situations, schools will ask the parent or carer to have their child assessed by their medical practitioner. Where a

medical practitioner determines that a COVID-19 test is not required, documentation must be provided to the school to confirm that the student does not have symptoms that warrant a COVID-19 test. The certificate must also indicate that the student is able to return to school.

### Singing, Musical Performance, Productions, Plays and Concerts

There are no recommended limits on singing groups at MC, including for in-class educational activities including repetition, chanting, recitation, or singing activities. Five metres is recommended between a group of performing singers and other people, including the audience and conductor, where practicable.

Musical groups including bands and ensembles are permitted, well-ventilated spaces or outdoor areas will be used where practicable.

School performances, productions, plays and concerts can continue. Such events at MC will comply with the NSW Health requirements for COVID safe events and include a COVID Safety Plan.

Formals and social events, can proceed, but organisers must comply with a given venue's COVID Safety Plan.

### School Camps and Excursions

These programs may now continue subject to the conditions of a given site/venue's COVID Safety Plan.

### Physical Distancing

Physical distancing of students in schools is not required under the AHPPC guidelines.

All teachers, support staff, parents and carers should maintain physical distance from each other (1.5m).

### MC COVID-19 Relief Fund - Continuing in 2021

The MC COVID-19 Relief Fund was established in 2020 to support our MC families to navigate through potential financial complexity via the following assistance measures:

- The MC COVID-19 Relief Fund is made available to families to ensure that fee support and/or remission is able to be directed most effectively to families in need. (These funds will assist in ensuring that families in need can be assured of their capacity to meet their school fee commitments).
- The implementation of a fast-tracked system of highly flexible fee support and/or remission strategies (this measure streamlines and simplifies a previous support application process to ensure that families needing support are not being asked to navigate unnecessary complexity).
- The monitoring of these measures over the coming months to ensure that such support continues to be available beyond 2021 if required.

As such, all families are encouraged 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 at any time throughout the 2021 school year.

While the pandemic is not yet over and circumstances may yet change in the weeks ahead, we can now look forward to providing school in a way that much more closely represents the pre-COVID period.

Finally, thank you for your patience and effort over the past 12 months to meet various requirements/restrictions that have existed on the school site. While the past 12 months have been highly complex, your support has been greatly appreciated.

If you have questions or comments in relation to any of the information included in the above email, please feel welcome to chat with me directly at [principal@mc.nsw.edu.au](mailto:principal@mc.nsw.edu.au).

Kind Regards,

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