

## Parent/carer letter from principal

### **Back-to-school plan**

Dear parents and carers

Students are returning to school next week and will be in classrooms for Term 1.

Schools will make sure your child is as safe as possible and will focus on:

- washing hands
- mask wearing
- physical distancing
- rapid antigen testing.

### **Free rapid antigen tests**

Free rapid antigen tests will be available for the first four weeks of Term 1 2022.

Testing is strongly recommended twice a week for students and staff.

Specialist school students will have daily tests available.

You do not need to buy your own RAT kits. The school will provide them.

Your school will let you know once the test kits are available.

After doing the tests at home, if it is positive, you will need to:

- let the school know
- keep your child at home for 7 days
- contact the Department of Health via the [COVID-19 Positive Rapid Antigen Test Self-Reporting Form](#) or call centre on [1800 675 398](#).

A video about RAT testing in many different languages, is [available online](#).

### **Getting vaccinated**

Parents and carers must have had two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine or have a medical exception (with limited exceptions) to enter school buildings.

All staff working in schools need to be fully vaccinated or have a verified medical exception.

If a teacher gets COVID-19, we will bring in extra teachers and other staff if we need them.

COVID-19 vaccinations are not required for students to attend school, but vaccination for students is important. Please try to organise your child's vaccinations before school comes back.

For more information on how to book a vaccination, including important information about vaccination for children aged 5 to 11, refer to [Vaccination information for children and teenagers](#).

You can contact the school office on 93097626 if you have any more questions.

Kind regards

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Principal