

5 May 2022

Dear Parents/Care givers

Welcome back to the new term. We are hopeful that things will settle more this term and will be less impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. We thank you for your patience and support of the School as we negotiated the difficulties of last term. Your support was invaluable.

As you may be aware, the vaccination mandate for staff in schools that came into force on 10 December 2021 has now been repealed. In line with the determination made by the Department of Education, unvaccinated staff at our three schools will now be able to return to onsite duties where appropriate as of next Monday 9 May. We look forward to having returning staff with us again. Initially, this will include a limited number of support and administration staff who have been working from home this year. Most unvaccinated teachers and education support officers will have the opportunity to return as relief staff only for the rest of the year, as we employed other staff to take their positions for 2022. A limited number of staff currently on leave will be returning to unfilled positions at some of our campuses.

On the basis of the ongoing medical advice provided by SA Health, the School is committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all staff, students and the wider community. In this regard, the School has adopted a policy position that aligns with the Department of Education, in that all returning unvaccinated staff, unless they have a formal medical exemption or have recently contracted COVID-19, will be required to:

- undertake a Rapid Antigen Test and return a negative result each morning prior to working onsite
- wear a mask at all times whilst indoors

Further to this, the Health Care Centre has identified those students where there would be a potential significant risk to their physical health if they contracted COVID-19. The School will be implementing strategies to limit any increased risk to these students given the return of unvaccinated staff to onsite duties. The Health Care Centre will be contacting families of these students shortly to discuss the matter further.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support. Please do not hesitate to contact your Campus Principal if you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter and the risk mitigation strategies we have put in place.

God bless



Mike Potter

Head of Schools