



25th April 2022

TO: Parents and Carers

RE: Term 2 Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

May I extend a warm welcome to our new students and families joining our College community in Term 2 as well as welcoming our existing students and families back to school for an exciting term ahead. We are looking forward to the start of the new term with classes commencing on Tuesday, 26th April 2022 at 8.40am.

College Response to the Coronavirus

COVID-19 continues to impact our community at this time. Northside Christian College is continuing to implement a COVIDSafe Plan and a range of additional strategies to assist in maintaining a safe learning environment for our College community.

Below are some things you need to know as we embark on a new term:

- Face masks are not required for students and staff at this time. Masks are strongly recommended when you cannot physically distance.
- Everyone over 8 years old must wear a face mask when travelling to and from school on public transport, taxis, or rideshare vehicles unless a lawful exception applies.
- Windows and doors will be left open as much as possible in classrooms to ensure clean air is circulated through rooms at all times.
- The College has air purifier units and carbon dioxide monitors in many learning spaces.
- Excursions and camps will take place with additional COVIDSafe measures in place.
- The College will carefully consider the necessity of using shared equipment at this time. If used, strict hand hygiene protocols will be followed before and after use. The risks may be further minimised with staff wiping down items where appropriate.
- The Victorian Government advised that free rapid antigen tests will be made available for all staff and students in Victorian schools for the first 4 weeks of Term 2. Rapid antigen testing will be voluntary for all Primary and Secondary School students and staff. Students and staff are recommended to undertake twice-weekly testing on school days (i.e. Monday and Wednesday). Students and staff will complete the tests at home and must report any positive test results to the College by emailing Ms. Liz Tsiros (Office Manager) at ltsiros@ncc.vic.edu.au.
- People are exempt from rapid antigen testing or quarantine for 12 weeks if they have had COVID-19. (This is up from 8 weeks.)
- Students and staff who report a COVID positive result must isolate for seven days and not attend school during that period.
- If a student receives a positive test result at any time, they must also report this through the Department of Health system or via the coronavirus hotline at 1800 675 398. For more information, please refer to: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/rapid-antigen-tests#report-a-positive-result-on-a-rapid-antigen-test>.
- Students are requested to refrain from returning to school if they remain symptomatic unless it is known that their symptoms are caused by an underlying health condition or medication.

- If a student is a household contact of a positive case and wants to continue learning onsite, the school must be informed by the parent or carer. If a student is aged 8 and above they will be required to wear a mask indoors. They will also need to undertake at least five negative rapid tests at home over the seven days that would previously have been the self-quarantine period. For additional information, please refer to: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist-contacts>.
- Students who are required to isolate or quarantine will be supported in the same way as students with an extended absence due to illness or injury, with learning materials provided to support their continued learning.
 - Prep students will be given instructions via SEQTA for some written and hands-on activities in the event of isolation. These activities will reflect the learning taking place in class for English, Maths, and Inquiry.
 - Students from Year 1 to 6 will be required to complete their weekly homework tasks on MyEdOnline. Students will also be provided instructions via direct message from their teacher detailing a writing task and a list of pages from their PRIME Mathematics, Soundwaves, FRIENDZY, and Handwriting books to complete. When students return to school, students will need to show their work to their teacher. Each night, the classroom teacher will send home the above-mentioned books (four in total) to ensure students have them at home in the event.
 - Learning resources for students in Years 7 – 12 will be published on Schoology on the relevant subject pages. Commencing Week 1, additional support will be provided to Unit 3/4 students who are isolating or in quarantine, including the provision of Zoom sessions.
 - Students in Unit 3/4 classes who are isolating for extended periods of time, but who are still well enough to do schoolwork, may contact their teachers directly and request to be 'Zoomed in' to lessons.
- The College is waiting for updated guidance from the Victorian Department of Education in relation to the COVID-19 vaccination requirements for visitors to the College during Term 2.
- Volunteers at the College (both inside and outdoors) must have had at least two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine or have a valid medical exception. Volunteers are requested to complete the online training prior to commencing volunteering at the College. Please refer to: <https://www.ncc.vic.edu.au/volunteer-induction>.

Car Park Arrangements

Please read the instructions below carefully:

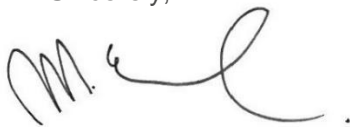
- 3:05 pm: All Worthy Warriors will need to be collected from the Main Gate
- 3:05 pm: All Courageous Conquerors will need to be collected from the Oval Car Park
- 3:20 pm: All Noble Knights need to be collected from the Oval Car Park

Parents wanting to walk their children to the gate in the mornings are welcome to park in the top gravel car park or the main car park. Please note there is limited car parking on site. At times, there may be interruptions to the car park operations during Term 2 due to the construction taking place at the College.

I look forward to working with you all during the term ahead.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support.

Sincerely,



Michael Bond
Principal