



Emmanuel Anglican College Community Update: 9 July 2021

Dear students, staff and families,

I hope all our community members have had a relaxing, enjoyable and safe semester break. In the light of the most recent advice from the NSW Department of Health, the NSW Department of Education and the Association of Independent Schools, the following COVID-safe restrictions and practices will be in place for the commencement of Term 3. As the College is in a Regional Area we currently fall under the Level 2 restrictions. We seek your patience and support with these measures which are designed to reduce the spread of COVID 19 and keep our community safe, healthy and free of even tighter restrictions.

All members of the community are to ensure they are aware of the latest health advice, restriction requirements and continue to practice good health and hygiene habits.

General health advice

- Any student or staff with cold and flu like symptoms or respiratory illness are to stay home and seek medical advice.
- All staff, students and parents are to practice physical distancing measures.
- Masks are required to be worn in all public indoor spaces.
- Anyone who has visited the greater Sydney area in the last 14 days and have been in a nominated contact or exposure site or have been a close or casual contact of a known case are required to self isolate for 14 days and to get a COVID 19 test.

Restrictions relating to students

- It is mandatory for students over 13 years of age travelling on public transport (including chartered buses) to wear a mask.
- It is recommended that all students over the age of 13 wear a mask when using indoor spaces at school.
- Regular hand washing and use of sanitiser is encouraged throughout the school day.
- Students are to bring water bottles to school and use bubblers as refill stations.
- Singing and choir activities are permitted in outdoor area only.

Restrictions relating to staff

- All staff are required to sign in using the Services NSW app each day when attending the College.
- Staff are to wear masks when indoors and in proximity to other staff.
- Staff may remove their masks when teaching but are to maintain physical distance from other staff/adults.

Restrictions relating to Parents

- Parents are not permitted to enter the College grounds except for essential matters.

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- All parents that do attend the College must sign in using the Services NSW app and wear a mask at all times.
- Parents of students in the Early Learning Centre may enter the College grounds at drop off and pick up time but all other parents must drop off or meet their children at the gate. Parents are not to congregate in drop off and pick up areas.
- Parent and Teacher Interviews scheduled for Week 2 of term will now take place via phone, following the booking schedule as per the TASS Parent Lounge.
- Parents are discouraged from attending the Athletics Carnivals this week. Parents will not be able to mix with students at these events.

Additional measures

- Hand sanitisers will be readily available and all toilets have soap dispensers.
- There will be additional cleaning of all high traffic surfaces including door handles, toilet areas, hand rails and student desks each day.

Thank you for your support and patience with these restriction.

Stay safe,

Robert Tobias
Principal