

CGS COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS

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Week 2 onwards

- All [COVID measures continue](#)
- Masks – The school will extend masks wearing provisional until the end of week 4¹. This is in-line with national messaging and recommendations for masks to be worn indoors and where social distancing is not possible. Masks are to be worn in inside whilst in classrooms² and workspaces where social distancing of 1.5 metres is not possible. Masks do not need to be worn whilst outside, although social distancing should be well managed. Additionally, Students in Year 3-6 are strongly encouraged to wear masks in classrooms.
- Weekly RAT provided by the School continues for all staff across the school.
- RAT kits have already been provided to staff for testing on the first day back to work.
- Students have been provided with a RAT kit for the start of Term 3 in the last days of Term 2.
- Only key curriculum excursions can take place with appropriate COVID Management plans in place.
- Chapel returns to normal for all year groups with COVID safe measures in place.
- House meetings and Assemblies can go ahead as normal with COVID safe measures in place.
- External Hire of facilities continues as normal.
- Co-curricular continues as normal.
- Arts and Music continue as normal.
- Parents attend School by invitation only and asked to wear a mask where social distancing is not possible³.
- Celebratory dinners have been rescheduled to Term 4⁴.

Please continue to act cautiously in your planning and management of events and follow [COVID-19 safe measures as normal](#).

School Departments and Activities

Examinations

The following measures are specifically for examination of HSC and IB Year 12 students.

- Students in all cases will be asked to wear masks for the duration of the exams across all weeks. Exemptions for medical reasons must be provided in advance.
- Desks will be set up 1.5 metres apart.
- Parent helpers must wear a mask at all times whilst assisting with exams.
- Exam invigilators must wear a mask at all times when supervising exams
- Masks must be replaced every 4 hours.
- ***Household contacts can attend exams but must be free of signs and symptoms and always wear a mask.***

¹ 26 July update

² 14 July update

³ 14 July update

⁴ 26 July update

Performing Arts and Music

- No restrictions on performances or playing of instrument. COVID Safe practices remain.
- Events are ticketed and subject to specific COVID-19 requirements

Interschool Sport and Events

No restrictions. COVID safe plans must be in place and followed.

Interstate Travel

In principle, we may start planning for interstate travel, and from 2023, international travel. However, all such travel plans are contingent on:

- COVID-19 conditions and travel restrictions at the time.
- Staffing capacity both remaining at School and on tour.
- Viable extraction/quarantine plan for dealing with multiple cases of COVID-19 while overseas, interstate, or on tour.

Parents and Volunteers on site

- Parents are invited to attend only small school or ticketed events with COVID-19 safety plans in place.
- Volunteers can attend School as per normal procedures and with the appropriate checks in place.

Canteens

- Flexi orders will be no longer available at recess.
- Flexi orders for lunch will continue as normal.
- There will be three canteens operating for recess and lunch with different year groups allocated to each canteen.

Open Days

- Continue by invitation and COVID-19 safe plans in place.

CGS Care

- No additional changes or updates

COVID-19 Safe Measures

Household Contacts

The School will follow the [ACT Health](#) household contact guidelines including:

- Staff identified as a household contact must complete a COVID-19 declaration form identifying themselves as a household contact.
- Students identified as household contacts that wish to attend School must complete an absence form identifying household contact attendance at school.
- Students identified as household contacts that wish to isolate at home must complete an absence report form identifying household contacts as the reason of absence.
- Staff and students must complete a single RAT before attending School and subsequently retest every 48 hours for the 7-day period identified by ACT health.
- Where signs and symptoms of COVID-19 develop they must remain at home and test with a RAT kit.
- Where the RAT is negative, and symptoms remain a PCR test must be taken⁵.
- Household contacts must always wear a mask.
- Household contacts can attend Co-curricular activities.
- Household contacts must not attend camps or overnight excursions.

Signs and Symptoms

Anyone with any symptoms must remain at home regardless of RAT results, household contact status, prior infection, mask wearing, etc.

Masks

⁵ Update 14 July in line with ACT Health requirements

Masks will be available from Reception in the Primary School and Senior School as well as from Heads of Student House in the Senior School for use in the following circumstances:

- For all large groups or multi cohort gatherings indoors and outdoors. Examples include Assemblies, House meetings, Chapel, Parent Information events, School performances etc.
- By all household contacts where mask wearing is an ACT requirement.
- By any adults or Senior School students travelling together on School transport or on public transport.
- Where requested by anyone for health reasons including vulnerable staff, students, parents, or visitors.
- For all school-based transport except students under the age of 12.

RAT Kits and Reporting

Staff - For Term 3 all staff, casuals, and volunteers are to use the RAT kits supplied by the School prior to their first attendance on campus each week. Boarding house students and staff are to continue to test a minimum of twice a week, with all Covid test declaration forms lodged via the online portal

Students - Parents are encouraged to RAT students return to school on Monday morning. Students that test positive should have an absence form completed identifying COVID-19 as the reason for absence.

Density Requirements are to be maintained at 1 per 2 square metres except for Assemblies, Chapel or House meetings.

Cohorting and Zones no restrictions

Social Distancing continues where possible.

Hand Hygiene continues to be encouraged and managed with regular washing of hands and use of hand sanitiser.

Cleaning will continue with enhanced cleaning measures across the School. Students and staff should continue to wipe down high contact surfaces at the end of every class.

Ventilation continues and must be maintained including opening windows and doors where possible and having air filtration devices switched on. Staff continue to be encouraged to teach outside where conditions permit.

Signage continues and will be updated to reflect current requirements across the School.

COVID-19 Exposure Notifications will continue with cluster notification to parents and the community only.

Vaccination at CGS continues to recommend for students across the community as a means of reducing the severity and impact on people's health. All staff employed to work at CGS as permanent, part-time, or contractors must maintain their vaccinations to help protect themselves and reduce transmission to other members of the community that are vulnerable and at risk.

Boarding will return with Term 2 rules and requirements. These will be provided by the respective Heads of Boarding to all families and students.