

STARTING TERM 1 2022



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

The start of the 2022 school year has been adjusted to help minimise the peak of COVID-19 cases in South Australia. There will be a staged return to school and preschool over the first two weeks of term that balances every child's learning entitlement with safety.

FROM MONDAY 31 JANUARY TO FRIDAY 11 FEBRUARY



SCHOOLS AND PRESCHOOLS



STUDENTS

Monday 31 January – preparation day (supervision for some children on site)

Tuesday 1 February – preparation day (supervision for some children on site)

Wednesday 2 February – school and preschool is back

Face to face learning for: preschool, year 1, year 7, year 8 and year 12 students

Remote learning for: years 2 to 6 students and years 9 to 11 students

Parents who are required to attend work and do not have anyone who can supervise their children can choose to send their child to school for online learning supervision and activities, and preschool for supervision.



STAFF

All school and preschool-based staff will work from their site unless unwell or required to isolate.



EARLY CHILDHOOD



Childcare programs (ie. occasional care, rural care, long day care on integrated sites) will **operate** with COVID safe measures in place.



Essential services offered on **Children's Centre** sites by CaFHS and DHS may **continue** face-to-face as determined necessary by those agencies.



Essential allied health services offered by **Student Support Services** can **continue** face-to-face for individual clients as determined necessary by the site leader.



Out of School Hours Care will **resume** for before and after school care. Services will not offer a full day program. Services should work closely with schools to assess what the demand might be, to staff accordingly.



Early childhood programs operating from preschools or Children's Centres will be **paused**, including playgroups, DfE run parenting programs, Learning Together and Learning Together at Home.

FROM MONDAY 14 FEBRUARY



FULL RETURN TO FACE-TO-FACE LEARNING AND CARE

Modelling of the progress in reducing the current wave will be closely monitored by health and education officials. The intention is to return all students to face-to-face learning on Monday 14 February.

The majority of COVID safe measures will remain in place and adjustments will continue to be made as needed to maximise student and staff safety.



COVID SAFE MEASURES

JAN 31

THE FOLLOWING COVID SAFE MEASURES WILL BE IN PLACE FROM 31 JANUARY:



Anyone who is **unwell**, who are household/ close contacts from other exposures or people symptomatic must **not** be at school, preschool or childcare. This applies to staff and children.



Vaccination

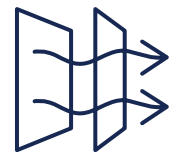
- All eligible students aged 5+ strongly recommended to be vaccinated.
- All staff, governing council members/ employees, contractors and volunteers (incl. parent volunteers) must be vaccinated in accordance with the Emergency Management Direction to be on site.



Masks

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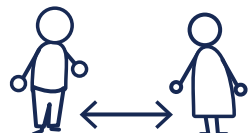
- required for adults, except when teaching
- required for students in years 7 to 12
- strongly recommended for students in years 3 to 6
- medical exemptions also apply.



Ventilation, to be maximised by leaving doors/windows open, continued use of air conditioning (set to fresh air intake where available) and fans, including with doors and windows open.



Outdoor learning is encouraged where appropriate.



Physical distancing where possible.



Minimise **staff intermingling** (eg. use of staff room, online PD only).



Minimise **student and children intermingling indoors** (eg. across class groups).



Limit **non-essential visitors** on-site:

- allied health professionals, student support services and Local Education Teams are an exception.
- appropriate arrangements can be made for parents of children starting preschool or school, with COVID safe measures in place.



Temporarily postpone from now until week 4 **high risk activities** (eg interschool sport, choir), large gatherings (eg assemblies), external activities (eg camps and excursions).



Additional daily **cleaning** will continue.



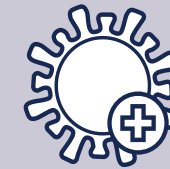
Hand and respiratory **hygiene** measures must be followed, including making sanitiser and disposable face masks widely available on site.



Boarders can return to school at any time as long as there are appropriate hygiene and physical distancing measures in place in the boarding house.



More detailed operational advice will be provided by the department to schools and early childhood settings on activities that can continue and under what settings.



MANAGING POSITIVE CASES

We're working with SA Health on how positive COVID-19 cases will be managed in schools and early years settings, and the possible use of Rapid Antigen Testing for students and staff. More detail will be provided ahead of the start of term 1.



LEARNING FROM HOME SUPPORT

Schools will provide a quality remote learning program for all students in years 2 to 6 and years 9 to 11 during week 1 and 2.

The department will provide year level specific online lessons to support schools and help students learn remotely. Schools will work with their community to identify who needs ICT support.

More detail will be made available through schools.

