



With the return of Prep, Year 1, Year 11 and Year 12 students to campus and the anticipated return of remaining cohorts from Monday 25 May, the College has prepared the following information to assist families and address frequently asked questions.

Changes to the normal processes at the College may be necessary in the interim to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students, staff, parents and all members of the community.

At all times, we encourage caregivers to contact us directly to address any concerns.

welcome
back to
school



COVID-19

RETURN TO SCHOOL UPDATE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Is it safe for students to return to the College?

Rivermount College has been committed to following the advice of the Federal and State Government during this time with adherence to health directives. As we return to on campus learning we are particularly mindful of social distancing and the practice of hygiene. The decision to return to school is based on advice provided by the Australian Health Principal Protection Committee (AHPPC) and discussions with Queensland Health about a phased return to regular schooling. **The current directive is that schools are identified as safe places for students and present low risk in relation to the spread of COVID-19.**

How do I help my child if they feel anxious at this time?

We appreciate that this has been an unsettling time for families and some students may feel anxious at returning to school and leaving the comfort of home-based/remote learning. Please be assured that our staff, particularly your child's teacher and our Wellbeing Team are available to assist students in returning to the environment of the classroom and routines of the College.

When all students return on 25 May (as anticipated), will online learning still be an option for some students?

When classes resume on campus, the focus will shift to face-to-face classroom teaching for every lesson. **Therefore, online teaching and learning will cease.** Any student absent from school, will need to contact their teacher for work missed and ensure they do their best to catch up.

Will Assemblies and other College events be held?

All Assemblies and events are currently postponed until further notice. We will advise families when it is safe to once again hold events and the College calendar will be updated accordingly. You can check the status of events on the College App and on our website.

Will GBC and JTAS sport take place in Term 3?

We are hopeful that interschool sport will be permitted for Term 3, however, the College and our relevant sporting bodies are awaiting a Government directive on organised sports. The College community will be updated on this matter when the decision is clear.

WASH HANDS



HAND SANITISER



SOCIAL DISTANCE



AVOID HANDSHAKE



What measures and practices are now in place at the College to ensure the safety of our community on campus?

The following are some of the ways the College is ensuring the safety of our staff, students, parents and all visitors to the campus:

A revolutionary new hand sanitiser is now in use at RMC. This is a remarkable product with one application lasting 24 hours, even after hand washing.

New hand sanitiser stations have been installed in 20 key areas including the Administration building, outside of toilet blocks and at each year level area.

Rivermount College buses will all be equipped with hand sanitiser.

Students, staff or visitors that are experiencing any illness are required to refrain from attending the campus.

Students that present to school as unwell, will be immediately sent home.

Water bubblers are closed however cold water filling stations are still operational so please send a water bottle with your child to refill as required.

Social distancing continues to be encouraged in the playground and every recreational space on campus.

Adults must not gather in and around school grounds, car parks, school gates and outside classrooms. Any congregation of parents and visitors is not permitted.

Parents should use stop, drop and go or similar facilities to avoid visits to the classroom.

Increased cleaning frequencies of high-touch surfaces such as light switches and door handles as well as learning spaces and eating areas has been implemented.

Personal hygiene is in practice throughout the school and this means washing hands with soap and water before entering classrooms after breaks as well as regular use of hand sanitiser in classrooms. Our Prep students sing Happy Birthday twice while washing hands to educate them as to how long is appropriate.

Disinfectant spraying of classroom surfaces, playgrounds and resources including toys and learning materials

A staggered eating and play schedule is now in place for Prep/Year 1 and Year2/Year 3.

Year 4 to Year 6 students are spread out in various areas around the Primary school to minimise contact.

Practice of covering coughs and sneezes is crucial and directed.

Assemblies and other events will not proceed until further notice.

SOCIAL DISTANCING AT SCHOOL



Social distancing is still encouraged in the classroom, although as stated by the Australian Prime Minister:

"The four square metre rule and the 1.5m distancing between students during classroom activities is not appropriate and not required."

It is essential that all adults on campus practice safe social distancing.

TUCKSHOP FACTS

Is the Tuckshop open?

Yes it is and all Primary students are required to pre-order via the Flexischools website. Secondary students are also encouraged to use Flexischools.

Is cash still accepted?

Our preference is for cashless transactions however cash will still be accepted.



STAY AT HOME IF UNWELL



COVER COUGHS & SNEEZES



NO SOCIAL GATHERINGS ON CAMPUS

STUDENTS OR STAFF THAT ARE UNWELL WILL BE SENT HOME IMMEDIATELY

When visiting the College please respect the following protocols:

Use stop, drop and go or similar facilities rather than walking your child to and from class

No gathering in groups

No congregating on campus including carparks, outside classrooms and buildings or on pathways

Utilise digital communication methods (for example, email and phone) to avoid unnecessary visits to the campus