

PARKES CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Term 3 COVID-19 Guidelines

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

NSW Health has advised that the following measures are to be put in place for the beginning of Term 3, which commences for PCS on Monday, 19th July.

All staff and students are expected to be at school unless they have even the mildest of COVID symptoms. Staff and students should reduce travelling to geographical areas with higher levels of COVID restrictions in place.

Masks and face coverings

While at school, masks or face coverings are recommended in all indoor settings for:

- all secondary school students
- all staff in primary and secondary school settings.

Visitors

No non-essential visitors are permitted in schools. Some visitors are permitted in schools based on the guidelines that follow. Parents should:

- maintain physical distancing by avoiding gathering in pick-up and drop-off areas.
- remain outside of school grounds where possible
- follow mask-wearing requirements and sign-in using the Service NSW QR code if entering the school.

QR code sign-in process for all staff and visitors

The NSW Government has introduced mandatory QR codes across a range of additional settings, including schools. Staff and on-site visitors, including contractors, will be required to check in every day. QR check-in codes are located at the Office.

What is permitted with modification?

School based activities

- Assemblies can be held with COVID-Safe practices in place. No visitors permitted.
- Singing, chanting, group repetition and choirs are permitted if conducted outside in a well-ventilated area. Bands and ensembles are permitted in-line with current health advice
- Dance or drama are permitted in-line with COVID-Safe practices within classes.
- Library activities are permitted in-line with the Infection Control requirements.
- Principal-endorsed activities for students.

Events

- Excursions should be limited to outdoor locations within the Local Government Area of the school where the school can demonstrate COVID Safe practices
- Inter-school, inter-regional and intrastate activities, and events, such as gala days and sporting carnivals can continue with COVID-Safe practices in place

Kind regards,

Glen Westcott Principal