



Principals Message

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Principal - Mark Marciniak

Welcome back to school for 2022

I hope that everybody had a safe and enjoyable holiday.

This year has started off like the last with a focus on COVID 19 safety requirements. Thank you to all the parents and carers who collected their Rapid Antigen Test kits from the school earlier in the term.

Last week we distributed our second phase of Rapid Antigen Test kits (RATs) in accordance with the revised guidelines. Students from Years 7 to 12 received their four kits to take home. The kits are to be used in the same way as the first distribution, one test is to be used once a day, twice a week in the morning before attending school.

The use of RAT kits is an important step to support the health and wellbeing of our students and staff. They are a quick and easy screening tool to help detect COVID-19. It is a simple process of placing a nose or throat swab in a chemical solution which is put onto a scanning device. Results can be ready within 15 minutes. Use of RAT kits is highly recommended but not mandatory.

Provided within the kits are instructions on how to: use the tests, check the results and how to dispose of the tests safely. You can also download the instructions through the [Therapeutic Goods Administration \(TGA\) External link](#) website. The user guides also has a contact number for the suppliers for additional support.

- If a student or staff member receives a **positive** RAT result, they need to:
 - record the positive RAT result through the [Service NSW website External link](#) or [Service NSW app External link](#)
 - notify the school of the positive RAT or PCR result as soon as possible
 - follow [NSW Health advice External link](#) to isolate for 7 days.

Negative results **do not** need to be recorded to Service NSW or to the school.

Any student who is unwell and/or displays symptoms of COVID-19 will be asked to go home and stay there until they can complete a RAT or PCR test.

- If symptoms continue, they should stay at home and take another RAT in 24 hours or have a PCR test.
- If the second RAT or initial PCR test result is negative, the student can return to school.

Under the new close contact rules, schools are no longer included in contact tracing. I will inform the school community of a positive case and advise families of the current public health advice, including monitoring for symptoms.

If any family requires additional RATs due to family members testing positive, please contact the school.

To date we have only had a very small number of students test positive since school resumed this year. When a positive case is confirmed, an email will be sent to the parents and carers who have a student in that cohort or year group explaining what is required.

The school's office has been advised how to answer any questions and record information provided by parents and carers of positive cases or household close contacts. This information will then be triaged to the Principal, Deputy Principal, and appropriate wellbeing team personnel to ensure adequate support is provided.

Welcome Year 7

Our new Year 7 students have started their high school experience in a very positive manner. So far, they have received their new laptops, participated in our transition program workshops, had their school photos and have undergone assessment testing in literacy and numeracy. Additional activities for the rest of the term will include

Friday 4th March – Swimming carnival

Wednesday 9th to Friday 11th March – School camp

Thursday 17th March – Meet the teacher BBQ

Friday 25th March – Athletics carnival

Extra-Curricular/after school activities

JCBTHS homework club will commence in the next few weeks. Homework club will run on Mondays between 3 and 4pm in the school library. Students from all year groups are encouraged to attend to complete any outstanding work or to get assistance to work on their assignments. Further information will be provided to families and a returned permission note will be required.

In addition to homework club, we will be recommencing our very popular STEM Club. This will run every Tuesday afternoon between 3 and 4pm. Students will have an opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills using Lego Robotics, Minecraft, Virtual Reality equipment, Drones, and other forms of technology. Notes will also be provided to students and written permission will be required from parents.

Grant applications

Congratulations to Mr Van Ruth our music teacher for his successful application on behalf of the school for the Minister's Arts Recovery Grants. This money will contribute to purchasing additional instruments and resources for students. We are anticipating that in Term 2 we will be able to launch our Band Club.

School carpark

Just a reminder to parents/carers the school carpark is not accessible for student drop off and pick up unless there are extraordinary circumstances. Designated drop off and pickup is at Hogben Steet Kogarah where students can access the school via the walk bridge. Alternatively, parents/carers can use Lachal Avenue behind the school.

Please do not use the driveway on the Princes Highway to drop your son off. This is a very dangerous practice that places the student and driver at risk of serious injury.

If you are required to attend the school after 9:10am you may use the designated visitor parking area.

School procedures

Just reminder students are expected to be at school before 8:30am. The first bell sounds at 8:43am every day where students are required to move straight to their first lesson on their timetable.

Students are required to wear their full school uniform every day. On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, the uniform consists of either the school's light blue shirt for junior students or a white shirt and tie for seniors and either grey shorts or grey long pants.

Students may wear either their school black jumper/jacket or the maroon sports jacket. No other colour or branded jumper or jacket is permitted. Students can wear a black baseball cap/hat. No other colours are permitted. Students are to wear black shoes on these days.

On Wednesday students need to wear the school's sports uniform. Which consists of the maroon and white polo shirt and black shorts or black tracksuit pants. Students may wear the school's sports jacket on Wednesday. The sports uniform is only to be worn on Wednesday. Students can wear any colour sports shoes on Wednesday.

If students have a practical lesson in PDHPE they are required to bring their sports uniform in their bag.

Year 11 and 12 students are not required to wear a sports uniform on Wednesday as they do not participate in sport.

If you require any support in obtaining a school uniform, please contact your son's Year Advisor or the school office.

What's happening in Term 1

P&C AGM	Tuesday 15 th February 5:30pm
Year 9 camp	Wednesday 23 rd to Friday 25 th February
Swimming carnival	Friday 4 th March
Year 6 Open Evening	Tuesday 8 th March
Year 7 camp	Wednesday 9 th to Friday 11 th March
Year 7 meet the teacher BBQ	Thursday 17 th March
Athletics carnival	Friday 25 th March