



Russell Island State School

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Dear Families,

I hope that you are all safe and well and have had a wonderful holiday with your children. All of our staff would like to send an extended thank you to families for your efforts to minimise the number of students on school site during supervision weeks.

I would like to take a moment to share with you some of the back to school 2022 plans that we will have in place to keep our staff, students and families as safe as we possibly can.

Standard hygiene measures already in place

Schools and early childhood services must maintain COVID safe health and hygiene measures, including:

- all adults entering buildings must wear a mask. This also applies if you are unable to socially distance outdoors.
- staff, students, children or visitors must not attend facilities if sick
- regular hand washing and hand sanitising in line with the [5 moments of hand hygiene](#) (PDF, 1.2MB), particularly before and after eating, and after going to the toilet. Watch the [instructional video](#) for guidance
- covering the mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing and sneezing, or coughing into the elbow, disposing of tissues in the bin and washing hands thoroughly afterwards
- ensuring sufficient soap, water and hand sanitiser stations, as well as tissues, are available
- hand sanitizing on entry and exit to and from the school grounds and classrooms
- increased cleaning of facilities, particularly high-frequency touchpoints such as door handles, light switches, desks and water fountains or bubblers
- regular cleaning of playground equipment and play materials.

Staff will also:

- avoid sharing small office spaces
- adhere to physical distancing in staff rooms and other shared spaces
- open windows to promote air flow where environmental conditions allow.

Early Book Pack Drop offs

- Book packs can be dropped off to the tuckshop on **Tuesday 1st – Thursday 3rd Feb** to limit visitors onsite. If you are unable to drop your book packs in, you can send supplies in small amounts each day throughout the week.

Monday 7th – Wednesday 9th

- Please avoid dropping your students at school before 8:25am as there is not supervision available before this time.
- As students arrive at school they will be directed to their classrooms from 8:30am.

Unwell students

Please be aware that we will be following the CHO advice around unwell people and the need for them to stay at home. If your child arrives at school unwell or becomes unwell during the day, we will call you to collect them immediately. This is a measure that we are putting in place to try and keep everyone safe.



We will be establishing an **outdoor 'sick bay' under our heritage building** that will allow for students to be better spaced apart in the event that we have more than 1 child unwell at a given time.

It is imperative that all families have 1 or 2 back up contacts that we can contact and will be available to collect your child if you are unable to.

Please follow the latest testing, isolation and quarantine requirements for [confirmed cases and close contacts](#) as outlined by Queensland Health.

Further COVID-safe measures have been established to be put in place in place for Term 1, including some specific arrangements for the period 7 February – 4 March 2022.

Limiting visitors on site

We have been directed to limit visitors on site, with exceptions for parents and carers of students experiencing vulnerability, and all students attending Early Childhood Development Programs, Kindergarten, Prep or Year 1.

Prep families, please look closely and follow the signage and pathways directed to get to the Prep classroom area.

Year 1 families, please wait in the top covered area, distancing yourself from other adults and students in the morning. At the end of the day, please wait for your children in the top covered area at the end of the day. Mrs Davis will walk the class up there at the end of the day.

Please ensure you are following the mandatory mask wearing requirements and social distancing while on school site.

Parents with children in Year 2 – 6

- Parents can park their cars and walk their children to either the High Street gate or the Fern Terrace gates to ensure they get into the school grounds safely.
- Students will then need to come to the top covered area where they will receive hand sanitizer.
- Please wave goodbye at the gate and avoid entering unless absolutely necessary to attend the administration building only.
- If you can phone and discuss a matter with our admin team (3400 9333) please do so before coming on site.
- It is strongly recommended not to congregate around gate entry and exit points and fence line to keep everyone safe and healthy.

Thank you for ongoing support and cooperation

New Enrolments

Face to face meetings have been postponed. If you know of anyone who wants to enrol their child, please let them know to call the office on 3400 9333 for further information.

When we have confirmed all the required paperwork has been delivered to the school, I will call to conduct a telephone interview.



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KindyLinQ

KindyLinQ will aim to start back the week beginning 14th February 2022. ***Please ensure you are following the mandatory mask wearing and social distancing requirements while on school site.***

Mums and Bubs with Miss Georgie

Mums and Bubs will aim to start back on Wednesday 16th February 2022. ***Please ensure you are following the mandatory mask wearing and social distancing requirements while on school site.***

Assembly

Large gatherings will be postponed. Assembly will be conducted in individual classrooms to hand out certificates as we have done in the past. Recognising students' achievement is something we value highly at RISS and will continue to do so in every which way we can. Keep an eye on the fortnightly newsletter and your child's Class Dojo to see our wonderful achievers in each class.

Year 5/6 School Camp

Camps have been postponed until 4th March. Our camp is scheduled for **16th – 18th March**. Due to the overwhelming demand for schools to rebook lost camp dates, we have been required to make a rapid decision to keep or postpone our camp date.

Miss Hill has posted onto the camp Dojo regarding the need for parents to contact us by Wednesday 02/02/2022 to let us know if they do not want their child going to camp. I will make a final decision on 02/02/2022 regarding our camp based on community feedback.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Face to face meetings are postponed. We have established that our Parent Teacher Meetings will be held towards the end of the term. More information regarding these meetings will be sent home after the 4th March.

We value relationship building with our families and I absolutely encourage you to join Class Dojo to make a connection with your child's teacher.

Face Masks

Students in Years 3–6 will be ***provided*** with masks and ***encouraged*** to wear them when physical distancing is not possible.

Face masks may be removed in some circumstances (e.g. if physical distancing can be maintained).

To keep our school communities COVID-19 safe, students and staff must not attend school if they are sick or showing [symptoms of COVID-19](#).

When to get tested

If you're feeling sick

If you have any of the following COVID-19 symptoms, no matter how mild, get tested. Stay home until you get the result and your symptoms resolve:



Fever



Cough



Sore throat



Shortness of breath



Runny nose



Headache



Fatigue



Diarrhoea



Vomiting or nausea



Loss of smell and/or taste

Other symptoms people may experience include muscle or joint pain, and loss of appetite.

Call Triple Zero (000) if you are very sick, including if you are experiencing breathlessness, chest pain, or severe light-headedness.

Where you can get tested

<https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/stay-informed/exposed-to-covid/covid-testing-in-queensland>

Mater Pathology - Russell Island clinic

Pathology service: Mater Pathology

Address: 2 Alison Crescent, Russell Island, 4184

Drive-through: No

How to find us: Russell Island Recreation Hall

Opening Hours: 07:30 - 14:00 Mon, Wed, Fri & 07:30 - 11:30 Tue, Thur

Booking needed: No

GP referral needed: No

Children tested: Yes

Additional information: If you require a test for reasons such as overseas travel or work please visit your GP for a referral to a suitable clinic.



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Some frequently asked questions have been answered on the QEd site <https://qed.qld.gov.au/covid19/frequently-asked-questions> and I encourage you to read through these if needed.

Please also download the [Back to school plan \(PDF, 771KB\)](#) for a summary of the COVID-safe measures in place for Term 1, including some specific arrangements for the period 7 February – 4 March 2022.

Please stay safe and we look forward to having everyone return to school on 7th February 2022.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Leanne McMahon'.

Leanne McMahon
Acting Principal