

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Term 1 2022.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate our 2021 Year 12 students on their HSC results. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

As you will all be aware, COVID19 continues to impact the country and hence school operations for the start of the 2022 school year. Please see below important information regarding our tiered approach to supporting our students and staffs smooth and COVID safe return to school:

1. CHS plans to be fully operational. All students are expected to attend school for face to face lessons.
2. Years 7, 11 and 12 return to school on Tuesday 1st February
3. All cohorts of students return to school on Wednesday 2nd February
4. All staff and students are now required to wear surgical grade masks (not cloth or ventilated masks) when indoors, unless they have a medical exemption. Mask wearing is highly recommended when outdoors. The school will be able to supply all staff and students with surgical grade masks at the start of the school term.
5. Students and staff are requested to continue to follow our COVID19 safe practices which include: regular use of sanitiser (available in every classroom), coughing into elbow/sleeve, correct wearing of surgical masks and social distancing. Get tested if displaying COVID19 symptoms. Stay at home if unwell. Get vaccinated.
6. All schools are required to continue to cohort students as much as possible. Cohorts will have designated playground areas, will be required to pre order recess and lunch, will rotate through the canteen and we will continue to do Sport in cohorts. Roll Call and Reading will also continue in cohort groups.
7. All staff and students will be supplied with RAT (Rapid Antigen Test) kits, which are to be utilised at home, each Monday and Wednesday mornings prior to attending school.

Parents and carers are requested to inform the school if their child/children test positive for COVID19.

All positive RAT results must be lodged by the parent/carer with Service NSW

Students should remain at home in isolation for 7 days.

Work can be provided to the student, if they are well enough to do this, via the Department of Educations Learning from Home Resource hub. CHS staff will support students to access this learning hub as required.

Distribution of RAT kits and surgical masks:

Parents and Carers are requested to drop down to the CHS Basketball Courts (enter via gates nearest the basketball courts) and follow the signage, to collect their child/children's allocated RAT kits and masks during the below designated times:

Friday 28th January 12:00pm – 4pm

Monday 31st January 8:00am – 1:30pm

Please wear a mask, socially distance and bring your own pen to sign for your pick up.

RAT kits and surgical masks will only be given to parents and carers of their students.

I will provide further advice and information in the coming weeks to keep you all informed.

Our focus as we start the new school year is on student and staff wellbeing and continuity of learning for our students.

Looking forward to seeing you all very soon. Stay safe and enjoy the last couple of days of school holidays.

Regards

Mrs Leesa Daly

Principal -Cootamundra High School