

27 July 2021

Dear Families and Students,

Further to my earlier contact, I am delighted to inform you that schools will be fully open for normal classes tomorrow on Wednesday, 28 July. We will expect students to be at school ready to start classes at 8:40am where I will meet with them virtually to welcome them back and work through some practical items. A few important notes as we look to recommence which **apply for at least the next 7 days until advised otherwise:**

Attendance at school

- As always, students should not attend school if they are unwell or are required to self-isolate/quarantine by SA Health; if you haven't already, please [let us know](#) if this is the case.
- Students in directed quarantine, will be provided with learning support during this time. we will not be offering an alternative home-based learning program unless your child is impacted by SA Health quarantine orders.
- Regular access to Thomas More College by parents and family members will not be possible during this time. Please ensure your daughter or son is dropped off outside of the school and they walk in independently; masks also need to be worn by students on public transport.

Masks

Masks are required to be worn in secondary education settings, which includes students in 7-12 at Thomas More College. The overarching principle is here "if you can wear a mask, you should wear a mask". We ask that Students and staff provide their own mask initially. If you are not able to do so the school has a supply of masks for the short term from Year Level Leaders. To help manage this supply we ask that students keep responsibility for their masks each day.

Please discuss the following points together this evening, to ensure our students are clear on what is required for students who:

- Need to wear a mask to and from school on public transport.
- Must wear a mask at all times whilst in public in their College uniform.
- Will carry a mask with them and wear it indoors and in populated outdoor areas (eg. lining up for the canteen).
- Who are indoors during break times (eg. Faulkner) need to wear masks when not eating.
- Do not need to wear masks at break times when eating or drinking, sitting outdoors, or in PE lessons; students moving around the school during break times who are not eating, should keep their mask on.



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Staff will also be required to wear masks when they are not teaching or not interacting with students. Some staff and students will be exempted from wearing masks for medical or other health conditions of which we would already have records; please [alert us](#) to this if this affects your child.

As we transition back to schooling it will take time for all of us to adjust to the new requirements stipulated by the health authorities; I am very confident that as TeamTMC we will do this well.

I also take this opportunity to remind you that if for any reason you have experienced financial difficulties and you are concerned about fees or other schooling costs, please contact me by email.

We look forward to seeing our students tomorrow, masked up, and ready to learn and reconnect with our school and each other.

Yours Sincerely,



Corey Tavella
Principal