

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION ARCHDIOECSE OF CANBERRA & GOULBURN**  
**NEW RESTRICTIONS FOR NSW CATHOLIC SCHOOLS – 29 September**  
**2020**

*as advised by NSW Health*

<b>Assemblies/School events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assemblies to be limited to 15 minutes - preferably avoided (applies to school and year assemblies).</li> </ul>
<b>COVID-19 Testing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students and staff with flu-like symptoms must not attend school or be sent home and tested for COVID-19.</li> <li>Where COVID-19 testing has occurred due to flu-like symptoms, and not due to close contact with a positive COVID-19 case, the person being tested must self-isolate until they receive a negative result. If the result is positive, they are required to self-isolate for 14 days. Family members are not required to self-isolate until the test result is received - although we encourage them to do so.</li> <li>The school must sight a negative test result before staff/students return to school.</li> <li>Staff/students must be symptom-free before returning to school.</li> <li>Schools must keep a record of negative staff/student's tests in a central file.</li> </ul>
<b>Education Delivery</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schools should limit learning activities to year groups where possible (this excludes playgrounds, before school, recess and lunch activities).</li> <li>Only external providers of essential curriculum may continue activities (eg. music tutors, Healthy Harold, sport skill development programs etc).</li> <li>External providers must have a COVID-19 Safe Plan which is sighted and reviewed by the school before commencing activities. This does not apply to Allied Health Providers who are providing one on one services.</li> </ul>
<b>Excursions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Day time excursions are permitted within the local area only, subject to appropriate risk assessments.</li> <li>Overnight and interstate excursions and camps can resume (ACT/NSW only) where they are a necessary part of a student's education program (for example, College outdoor education programs).</li> <li>Schools must adhere to the specific COVID-19 rules within the state/territory they are travelling and must only conduct the excursion if it is safe to do so at the time given the current COVID-19 status in the area being travelled to.</li> <li>All excursions and accommodation must have a COVID-Safe plan.</li> <li>Where excursions are conducted the mixing of any other school group or members of the public should be minimized.</li> <li>No overseas excursions permitted.</li> </ul>
<b>Graduations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 12 Formals or graduation ceremonies are now permitted subject to meeting NSW Health requirements.</li> <li>Schools may hold a Year 6 assembly to recognise the completion of primary school for Stage 3 Students (Year 5 &amp; 6) subject to meeting NSW Health requirements.</li> <li>COVID-19 Safety plans required to be prepared for these events.</li> </ul>
<b>School, Inter-School and Sporting Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interschool sporting activities permitted outside local areas and communities.</li> <li>Must have a COVID-Safe Plan and no spectators permitted.</li> <li>Avoid mixing students when not participating in activities.</li> <li>5 metres social distancing required for solo singers</li> <li>No more than 5 people permitted to sing in choirs, with 5 metres distance required for audiences. Choir members must not face each other and required to stand 1.5 metres apart.</li> <li>The use of Wind instruments requires 3 metres social distancing</li> <li>Group repetition, chanting recitation: Pre and Primary Schools only, preferably outside.</li> </ul>
<b>Kinder and Year 7 Orientation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kindergarten Orientation can be commenced from 1 November subject to meeting NSW Health requirements. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>parents only being permitted to remain on the school premises for 10 minutes; and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ students being free from COVID-19 like-symptoms and the school following COVID-19 safe practices.</li> <li>● Year 7 orientation can proceed from 12 November following the conclusion of the HSC, subject to, meeting NSW Health requirements. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the students being free from COVID-19 like-symptoms and the school following COVID-19 safe practices;</li> <li>○ being kept in groups to minimize mixing, a maximum of 2 visits is permitted;</li> <li>○ transitioning Year 6 students to be kept separate from other students; and</li> <li>○ to not be together in a large groups in a hall for more than 1 hour.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Information sessions and school tours for parents should continue to be run virtually.</li> </ul>
<b>P&amp;F Groups</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All face-to-face P&amp;F activities to cease and to be conducted remotely.</li> <li>● No P&amp;F / Community Council social gatherings</li> <li>● On-site, student only fundraisers can go ahead.</li> </ul>
<b>Playgroups</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Playgroups can recommence.</li> </ul>
<b>Staff Gatherings/ Professional Learning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All staff gatherings are to be on MS Teams. Professional learning for staff should not be conducted face to face unless it is absolutely necessary. Only essential compliance training that involves a mandatory face-to-face demonstration for certification can be attended by staff. Staff numbers must be restricted and mixing of staff from other schools is not permitted.</li> </ul>
<b>Singing/ Instruments/ Dancing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Singing is permitted for solo and small choir groups subject to certain restrictions.</li> <li>● 5 metres social distancing required for solo singers.</li> <li>● No more than 5 people permitted to sing in choirs, with 5 metres distance required for audiences. Choir members must not face each other and required to stand 1.5 metres apart.</li> <li>● The use of Wind instruments requires 3 metres social distancing</li> <li>● Group repetition, chanting recitation: Pre and Primary Schools only, preferably outside.</li> </ul>
<b>Visitors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No parents or carers on site unless the meeting is considered essential and should be by exception.</li> <li>● Parent and carer attendance not permitted at assemblies and other school events.</li> <li>● Parent and carer volunteers not permitted – e.g. parent reading helpers (note: canteen and uniform shop volunteers are permitted)</li> <li>● School-based activities that involve large gathering of adults not permitted. These include parent/community gatherings such as parent functions, working bees, fundraisers, school barbecues, large parent information evenings, and large on-site cultural events.</li> <li>● All visitors must accept terms and conditions (social distancing, enhanced hygiene protocols etc.) prior to entering the school.</li> </ul>
<b>Attendance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All students should be either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ at school;</li> <li>○ at home because they are currently unwell;</li> <li>○ at home due to self-isolation requirements;</li> <li>○ at home because they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition (or in limited cases where a family member has an ongoing medical condition).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>