

From the Principal's Desk – Term 4 Week 3 2021

Dear parents/carers,

As our students in Year 7-11 return to face-to-face learning next week, I would like to provide an update on our COVID-safe plans outlined in the attached Term 4 2021 Return to School Student Q&A Handbook. Some key points to note include:

Mask wearing for staff and students

Face masks are required to be worn on school site indoors, by both staff and students, unless eating or exercising. The current Public Health Order also includes reasons why someone may not be wearing a mask or face covering, for example skin conditions, intellectual disability, autism or trauma. These students will not be excluded from school for not wearing a mask or face covering.

School canteen operations

With COVID safe practices at the forefront, the school **canteen will not be providing counter services, with on-line ordering only**. Food can be brought from home.

Orders can be made using the new QUICKCLIQ canteen service website link (for further information refer to the school's website, Facebook, and School Stream sites), with both recess and lunch orders need to be registered by 8.00am on each day.

The revised on-line menu includes, sandwiches, wraps, burgers, fruit salad, a variety of juices, bottled water, milk and daily hot meals including Chicken Tikka, Beef Lasagne, Spaghetti, Potato and Chickpea Curry, Creamy Chicken Spinach Pasta and Bombay Chicken Biryani.

Wellbeing support

Each student and their families have had very different experience in learning from home. While, the school has put into place measures to support students wellbeing (refer to the Return to School Student Q&A Handbook), take some time to check out the Department of Education's [Wellbeing Resources for Students and Families](#) (click on the external link) where you can find some useful information about mental health and wellbeing.

Student Absences

If a parents or carer, believes that their child has a condition that means it is not safe for them to return to school, you will need to provide a medical certificate. In this instance, I encourage you to speak with your family doctor or health care provider to develop a [COVID-19 Action Plan](#) (click on the external link) to support you in your decision-making, including attendance at school.

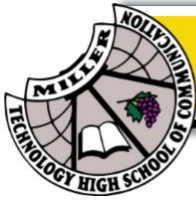
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School access - parent and carers

Currently, parents and carers are not able to access the school site without prior approval, with **face masks needing to be worn**. If a parent or carer has a query, they should phone the main school office or Intensive English Centre for advice. We will attempt to resolve queries over the phone or online.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can do anything to help you and your children to prepare for the return to face-to-face learning or if you have any concerns about their return to school.

Thank you again for your continued support during what has already been a fast-moving school term.

Regards,

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