

28 January 2022

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Families

We are looking forward to welcoming all of our Year 12 students back for the 2022 school year. Being together at the College in classrooms, workshops and specialist learning spaces is the most effective way for students to learn and develop their skills. We are passionately committed to the learning and wellbeing of every student and are working towards the safe and smooth commencement of the school year.

As you would be aware, the State Government is providing all school students, through their school, COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) kits for the commencement of the 2022 school year. At Newman College, we received our kits yesterday afternoon (27 January) so to allow time for the distribution of these supplies there has been an amendment to the start of the school program.

Starting Dates

We understand you may have concerns about the return to school. Please be assured that every decision is made with the safety and wellbeing of our students in mind. As such, to allow all families the opportunity to collect the RAT kits before students return to or commence their education at Newman Senior Technical College there is an amendment to the starting arrangements for students.

Year 11 students will commence at 8:50 am on Wednesday 2 February

Year 12 students will commence at 8:50 am on Thursday 3 February

Below is the outline and information to assist you in your preparation for the commencement of school.

Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs)

Each student will be supplied four (4) RAT kits to use over the first two weeks. These tests are to be administered at home by parents/students each Monday and Wednesday or if your child is displaying symptoms.

Collection of RAT Kits

To provide parents and carers with a safe and convenient method to pick up RAT kits, the College administration staff will provide a pick up point in the College drop-off zone of the College carpark. Please note that it is preferred that kits are to be collected by a parent/carer, if this presents a problem for families, students may collect the kits.

Times

Friday 28 January 1:30 – 3:30pm

Monday 31 January 8:30 – 10:30 am

Monday 31 January 2:30 – 4:30 pm

Tuesday 1 February 8:30 – 10:30 am

Tuesday 1 February 2:30 – 4:30 pm

Positive COVID RAT Result

If your child receives a positive test result, you are required to:

- Register the positive test on the [Service NSW website](#) so you can be linked to important health care support and advice based on your COVID-19 risk. If you or someone in your family can't register online, please call Service NSW on 13 77 88.
- Notify the College office 6580 3800

Your child may return to school after the seven (7) day isolation period and if they are no longer experiencing symptoms.

There is no requirement to report negative test results.

Close (Household) Contacts

If a member of your household has COVID-19, your child is then a close (household) contact and will be required to self-isolate for seven (7) days. Following the seven day isolation period and after they then receive a negative test result and if they are not experiencing symptoms, they may return to school. If your child is a close (household) contact, please notify the College office and they will be provided with learning from home materials.

Masks

All school staff and secondary students are required to wear surgical masks indoors. Cloth masks are not permitted. We are working with the Catholic Schools Office to supply masks, however, our supply of masks may not be available on the first day. Please send your child with a surgical mask each day until our supply arrives. It is also recommended that masks are worn on buses to and from school.

Students who are unwell

It is requested that students who are unwell are kept at home and not sent to school. The school will follow our normal procedures of notifying parents and caregivers if their child is unwell.

Essential Visitors

Only visitors essential to the delivery of curriculum, wellbeing and school operations are permitted at this point in time. Unfortunately, we are unable to welcome parents and families into the school during the first four weeks of Term 1. We understand this will be reviewed by the NSW Government and we will inform you as soon this restriction changes.

We wish to thank you in advance for entrusting the education and wellbeing of your son/daughter to Newman College.

Please don't hesitate to contact the College office on 65803800 if you have any questions.

Kind Regards



Mark Nunan
Principal