



COVID 19 Safety Plan

As we prepare for the start of school, we are all watchful of COVID-19 transmission occurring in the broader community. Below are the plans developed to keep students safe at school so they can continue to learn and flourish in the College setting.

As parents/carers, we seek your support to keep our students safe by supporting this plan and using COVID-safe practices when you come to school for drop off/pick up, assemblies, performances and sports carnivals, parent/teacher interviews, information evenings or to volunteer.

Our COVID 19 Safety Plan

Our COVID 19 Safety Plan is based on the latest health advice from the Chief Health Officer of Western Australia, the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC) statement on COVID-19, schools and early childhood education and care and in consultation with other sector school systems in Western Australia.

It provides guidance on:

- ensuring teaching and learning continues safely
- mandatory vaccination (including booster) requirements for all school staff
- vaccination requirements for parents/carers and visitors to school sites
- hygiene, ventilation and other health and safety measures
- how to adapt and respond to COVID-19 based on health advice

Vaccination requirements

1. All **school staff** must meet the vaccination requirements for the start of the school year.
2. Parents and carers are not required to show proof of vaccination when:
 - dropping off or picking up their child from school, including entering the classroom
 - volunteering at school on an ad hoc basis (attending only one school/education facility no more than once per week)
 - attending an event such as an assembly, sports carnival or parent teacher interview.
3. Parents and carers are required to provide proof of their double dose vaccination from 31 January 2022 and must have their third dose (booster) within one calendar month of becoming eligible or an exemption when:
 - **volunteering at the school more than once a week** (this includes volunteering at the P&F or PCA, uniform shop or an in-class or library-based literacy or numeracy program)
 - working in an unpaid capacity at the school **more than once a week**
 - **participating in** an endorsed program at the school where **parent attendance** is required, including **Pre-Kindergarten**.
4. Students are not required to be vaccinated – parents are encouraged to follow health advice in relation to their children 5 years and older relating to being vaccinated. Information on the safety and efficacy of the COVID-19 vaccines is available on <https://www.health.wa.gov.au/>
5. All visitors and contractors who enter a school site more than once a week must meet vaccination requirements and show proof of vaccination. The College has worked with our partner providers to ensure compliance.

Proof of vaccination

There are a few ways you can show proof of your COVID-19 vaccination, both in a digital and paper-based form. The easiest way to show your proof of vaccination evidence is using the ServiceWA app or your digital wallet.

Masks

All staff are required to wear a mask when there is a public health requirement in place to do so. Staff who are providing teaching or instructions to students may remove masks temporarily.

All secondary students are required to wear a mask when there is a public health requirement in place to do so, unless:

- they have a physical, developmental or mental illness, condition or disability which makes wearing a face covering inappropriate
- they are deaf or hard of hearing and visibility of the mouth is essential for communication
- they are engaged in physical exercise
- they are eating, drinking or taking medicine **provided that they are seated** at the time

Primary students can choose to wear a mask and are encouraged to do so.

Health, ventilation and hygiene

The College will continue with hygiene and cleaning measures based on the current health advice from the Department of Health.

- Students and staff are encouraged to regularly clean their hands with soap and/or sanitiser.
- Staff, students and parents/carers must stay home when sick.
- Physical contact and physical greetings should be avoided where possible.
- Classrooms and offices will be ventilated according to guidelines approved by the Chief Health Officer before school, during the day and after the school day. This includes keeping windows and doors open; using fans, air conditioners and evaporative coolers and in some cases using air purifiers to improve air quality.
- Surfaces in classrooms, staff areas, washroom/toilets and drink fountains are cleaned daily.
- Playgrounds and play equipment are cleaned weekly.
- Adults should maintain 1.5 metres distance from other adults, where practicable.

Medically vulnerable students

Additional provisions are in place for vulnerable students. If your child cannot attend school because they, or a family member, have an immune compromised medical condition, speak to their teacher for Primary school students, Head of House or Dean of Students in Secondary school, or to the College Principal.

Unwell student or staff member

If a student or staff member shows possible symptoms of COVID-19 whilst on the College campus, they will be sent home and asked to seek testing in accordance with State guidelines. Students waiting to be picked up will be given a mask to wear and be isolated from others.

If your child is showing possible symptoms of COVID-19 please follow health advice, ensure they are tested as soon as possible and inform College Attendance through **Attendance SMS** 0428922274

The student will be provided with support to learn from home while they are waiting for a test result or quarantining. If they test positive for COVID-19, the Department of Health have processes in place to advise close contacts (or their families), so they can also be tested.

School closure

If the Chief Health Officer advises us that the school needs to close, the College will:

1. inform the Community through normal communication channels, including email.
2. provide LJBC@homelearning as per College plans which are slightly different as per the developmental level.
3. support vulnerable students remotely through LJBC@homelearning
4. provide additional support for students' mental health and wellbeing through the Primary or Secondary Wellbeing teams.

Work placement (Year 10, Year 11 and 12)

The College will undertake risk assessment for work placements and work experience.

Students on work placement or work experience are required to show proof of vaccination where there is a vaccination mandate in place for the placement site, or as required by the workplace provider.

Off-site school activities

At this time, School activities may operate with the ongoing promotion and practise of good hygiene principles and physical distancing of 1.5 metres between adults, where possible. The activities will comply to mandatory vaccination requirements of the site on which the activities take place and will comply to students as required.

The latest public health requirements, including vaccinations and mask wearing, are available on the WA Health website. <https://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/>

Provided by the College Management Team

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