



ST JOHN'S
Anglican College

Frequently Asked Questions COVID-19 Guidelines for our Community

What is the quickest way to contact the College if a student is unwell?

To inform the College of your child's absence, please contact the relevant student absentee line with your child's name, class and reason for absence. If in self-quarantine, please state this as the reason.

Primary | 07 3372 0855

Secondary | 07 3372 0126

What medical documentation is required for a student returning to the College after a period of self-quarantine?

The advice from Queensland Health is that a medical certificate is NOT required following a period of self-quarantine for students who are not diagnosed but quarantined due to travel/close member contact. If a student is diagnosed, then a medical certificate is required upon their return to the College.

Please take your child to their doctor at the conclusion of the 14th day of incubation and obtain a statement from the doctor outlining:

- the date of the visit to the doctor
- the date of your return from, or transit through, any overseas countries
- that on this day your child appears to be in good health and does not show any of the symptoms of COVID-19

Do students still need medical documentation even if they have no symptoms after 14 days of self-quarantine?

No, please refer to the response above.

If a student has a cough/cold or flu symptoms but hasn't had any contact with a potentially infected person, can they still come to the College?

Your child must not attend College or College-related activities, on or off-campus, until they are well. If they have a cough, cold or flu symptoms, they need to rest and recover at home. If you are concerned about your child's health, please see your doctor.

My child has other health concerns, should they come to College?

Please seek advice from your child's health specialist regarding their individual circumstances.

I'm concerned about my child's safety; can I keep them at home?

This is a decision to be made by families, however, please note that St John's Anglican College will not provide credit for fees or co-curricular-related expenses if parents choose to keep their child away from the College.

In line with medical advice, there is no reason why those who have not travelled to affected areas or come into contact with a confirmed case should not attend College. Healthy students should be attending College as usual.

How are students being educated about personal hygiene practices at the College?

Teaching staff are continuing to have conversations with students about regular hand washing particularly prior to lunch and after going to the toilet; not touching their faces with their hands at all and good cough etiquette.

We are also encouraging the habit of applying hand sanitiser when coming into the classroom and when leaving for lunch and recess.

Students are also being educated about the use of bubblers – not putting faces over the outlet and bringing their water bottles to refill if possible.

Regular conversations continue around:

- wash hands frequently and thoroughly, use hand sanitiser in between
- don't share drinks and food
- avoid touching face, ears and nose
- cover your face when sneezing or coughing

What additional steps has the College taken to increase cleaning activities around the campus?

Signage has been posted throughout the entire College, including bathrooms, reminding staff and students of good personal hygiene practices.

We have also taken steps as a precautionary measure to increase our campus cleaning activities which will focus on high traffic areas.

Additional work by cleaning staff also includes regular toilet cleaning and replenishment of consumables. Maintaining shared public spaces, including regular cleaning of tables and emptying of bins as well as cleaning of tables, door handles and other touchpoints in classrooms and theatres when not in use, will also continue.

If a student chooses to travel internationally during the upcoming April school holidays and returns without cold or flu symptoms, can they return immediately to College?

As per Australian Government advice, any student who travels to or transits through an overseas country, **MUST NOT ATTEND COLLEGE** and should self-quarantine by staying at home for 14-days after landing in Australia.

This also applies to family members and friends, who must not visit the College before the 14-day self-quarantine period has passed.

Is St John’s Anglican College vetting visitors to the College?

As far as possible, the College is limiting visitors to the College, this includes cancelling any incursions and excursions for the foreseeable future.

Are students permitted to wear masks at College?

Students are permitted to wear masks at College if they wish.

Can parents obtain credit for missed co-curricular activities if their child is self-quarantined?

The College is not able to provide credits for students who miss activities while the COVID-19 health and safety advice is in place.

Do College fees still apply if a student is self-quarantined?

Yes, there will be no change to College fees during this time. St John’s Anglican College will continue to provide quality teaching and learning with course content via online platforms. The College will work with the student and their family to ensure continuity of learning.

What arrangements are in place for the College’s International Students?

We continue to communicate directly with our International families to assess their needs and to make any necessary decisions.

In the event of a College closure, how will classes and learning continue?

The College is well underway in its preparations, should it be necessary, for the online delivery of classes to ensure that learning can continue for our students with as little disruption as possible. Staff and students are encouraged to take their College approved equipment and chargers home with them daily.

Careful consideration is currently being given to the impact of any disruptions to all our students. Further details are available in the ‘Academic Contingency Plan’ and ‘Remote Teaching and Learning Guidelines’ available on My St John’s.

How will parents be notified in the event of a College closure?

Should this occur, a coordinated and centralised communication will be disseminated by the College Development Office. Parents will be notified via SMS, direct email and the College App.

Are camps, sport and other pre-arranged excursions affected?

All sport, activities and excursions have been cancelled to the end of the Term. However, we continue to monitor the situation closely and further updates will be provided if there is any change to camps, sport and pre-arranged excursions.

Will parents be notified if there is a confirmed case of the virus at St John's Anglican College and what action will be taken?

Relevant protocols, as advised by Queensland Health, will be followed. The College has a Business Continuity Plan (BCP) that will be implemented as required. The decision to inform the College community will be made case by case, depending on if there has been close contact with any person(s) at the College. The health and wellbeing of the entire community is at the heart of these decisions.

What sources have been used by the College to establish guidelines?

The College continues to follow the most recent advice from the Australian Government and Queensland Health Department to make decisions in the best interests of the health and welfare of our students, staff and families.

We are also in close contact with the Anglican Schools Commission and are making decisions in the best interests of our community. We will continue to review and update our advice as new information becomes available.

Useful Links for the latest health information on COVID-19

The Department of Health:

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/novel-coronavirus-2019-%20ncov-resources>

QLD Health FAQs:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/find-the-facts/faqs-and-myth-busters>

QLD Government Latest Updates:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/current-status-and-contact-tracing-alerts>

Guidance on Home Isolation:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/take-action/self-quarantine>

Federal Government Guidance:

<https://www.dese.gov.au/news/coronavirus-covid-19>

The World Health Organisation's advice for the public:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

The Australian Government has a dedicated COVID-19 Health Information Line, which operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week: 1800 020 080