



# BLACKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Caregiver,

The start of the 2022 school year has been adjusted to help minimise the peak of COVID-19 cases in South Australia.

There will be a staged return to school over the first two weeks of term that balances every child's learning entitlement with safety and risk management concerns.

Face-to-face learning has been prioritised for our youngest learners, Reception and Year 1 students. Remote learning will be provided for all other year levels.

## The dates for the start of Term 1 are:

- Monday 31 January – staff planning day
- Tuesday 1 February – staff planning day
- Wednesday 2 February – Term 1 begins
  - Face to face learning for: Reception and Year 1 students
  - Remote learning for: Years 2 to 6 students
- Monday 14 February – planned return of face to face learning for all year levels.

## Face to Face Learning

Face to face learning will be provided for Reception and Year 1 students, starting Wednesday 2 February.

The Department for Education has indicated that if your child is in Reception or Year 1 and you choose to keep them home, or if they are required to isolate, a school based remote learning program will not be offered.

The Department for Education is developing online learning for Reception to Year 6 students that your child can access online.

## Remote Learning

Remote learning will be provided for Years 2 to 6 students, starting on Wednesday 2 February.

If you are an essential worker and do not have any other appropriate supervision for your children, they can come to school. We will supervise them as they complete their remote learning program.

## Staff Planning Days

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February are staff planning days. These days will be used by our staff to prepare for learning and the change to the start of Term 1.

If you are an essential worker and do not have any other appropriate supervision for your children, they can come to school. We will supervise them however, please note no formal learning programs will be provided.

## Minimising the spread of COVID-19:

Please keep your child home if they are unwell, even mildly. If your child is showing even mild symptoms at school you will be contacted to collect them.



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To ensure that our students and staff are as safe as possible at school, we will be implementing the following measures as advised by the Department for Education and SA Health:

- Masks are required for:
  - All adults when indoors (except if it's impeding our staff's ability to communicate while teaching)
- Masks are strongly recommended for children in Years 3 to 6 when indoors
- Natural ventilation will be maximised by leaving doors/windows open, continued use of air conditioning (set to fresh air intake where available) and fans where possible
- Outdoor learning where appropriate
- Physical distancing where possible
- Minimising student intermingling indoors, for example across class groups
- Limiting non-essential visitors on site. Parents of new Reception children will be able to come on site to drop off students further details will be sent via See Saw.
- An extra daily site clean (funded by the Department of Education)
- Temporary postponement of the following activities (until the end of Week 4 of Term 1):
  - camps, excursions and incursions
  - interschool sport trials and competitions
  - large gatherings such as assemblies, events and concerts.

Out of School Hours Care will continue as normal. As Monday is no longer a school closure day there will be no OSHC offered during school hours, however before and after school will be available.

We have included an online survey link for you to complete.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M9J8PMH>

Please complete this survey by Friday 9.00am as this information is important in assisting us to prepare for the start of the year.

We appreciate you might have some questions about these changes. We'll do our best to plan a smooth start to the 2022 school year. Further details of remote learning will be sent by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

We look forward to seeing your child face to face or online to start the school year.

**Kris Robson**

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