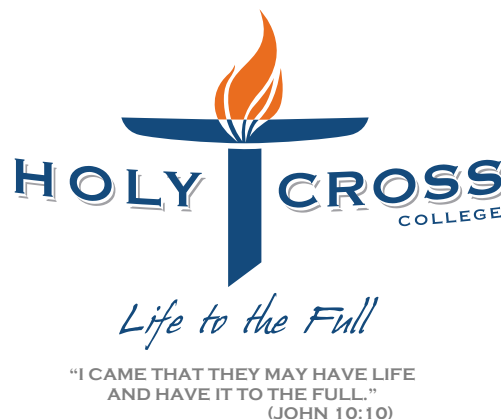


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Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to the 2022 school year.

Our priority, as always, remains the safety and well-being of our students and staff. There will be changes to COVID-19 directives as the weeks go by, in relation to the impacts upon WA and schools.

As you are aware, we are in times of change, and we will continue to remain agile. All staff at Holy Cross College have been double vaccinated and will have all had their third dose in the coming months. Thank you to the staff for their collective efficacy in relation to the vaccinations, in supporting the continued education of the students.

The information below is current for the commencement of school, as at today's date.

Masks

Secondary school students and all staff must wear a face mask **inside** at all times, unless:

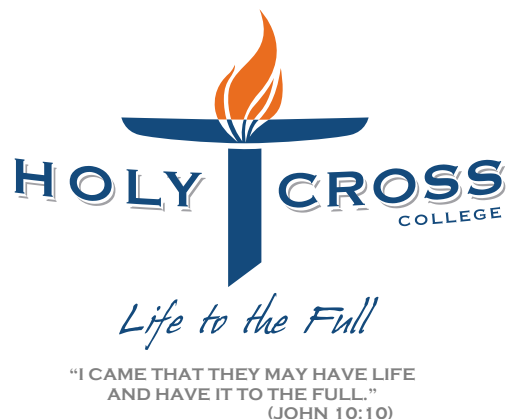
- the person has a medical exemption which makes wearing a face covering unsuitable;
- when teachers, educators and carers are teaching, interacting with or caring for children, they are permitted to remove their masks if the mask interferes with their ability to clearly communicate with students. However, if teachers, educators and carers feel they are able to be clearly understood they may choose to wear their masks at all times;
- the person is consuming food, drink or medicine.
- Students in the junior schools are exempt from wearing a mask, however, this situation could change depending on circumstances and impacts of COVID-19.

Parents and Caregivers

- Parents, Contractors or vendors must wear masks when visiting the school unless exempt.
- Visitors must sign in via the QR Code or register.
- Service Providers must wear masks and provide evidence of double vaccination.
- Parents who regularly volunteer at the school (more than once a week) **WILL** need to provide evidence of double vaccination. Parents are **NOT** required to be vaccinated, or show proof, for dropping off students, attending assemblies and events, and being in the Administration area.
- Parents must wear a mask indoors and adhere to COVID-19-Safe guidelines including physical distancing of 1.5 metres between adults while they are on a school site.

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Students

Students are not required to be vaccinated, unless they are senior students in a VET program.

Students who are undertaking work placement in specified occupations, inclusive of those undertaking periods of work experience, if undertaking work in a Group 1 or Group 2 category.

Group 1	Group 2
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Hospitals and healthcare facilities2. Residential and non-residential care services3. Police4. Fire & emergency services	<ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Supermarkets and retail outlets6. Hospitality venues including accommodation services7. Education and Early Learning facilities8. Financial institutions9. Building, maintenance, or construction industries

To enrol in and undertake work placement in the listed occupations or venues, students and their parents/caregivers will need to provide us with proof of vaccination status as soon as possible. Please provide these certificates to Mrs Susan Wilson, or Mrs Orilee Ryan.

Year 10 and 11 students who are due to commence Vocational Education and Training (VET) pathway this year, will be required to be vaccinated. Failure to meet the vaccination requirement will render student's ineligible to undertake work placements and may compromise academic achievement.

Should students or their families elect not to adhere to the mandatory vaccination requirement, they will be required to:

1. Choose VET pathways with work placements outside Groups 1 or Groups 2.
2. Reconsider pathway options without a work placement requirement

Ventilation

Currently our school rooms are well ventilated and air flow will be continually considered. We will also continue to monitor our learning environments, with the expertise of external contractors.

Travel

No school tours or travel will take place beyond WA.

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"I CAME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE
AND HAVE IT TO THE FULL."
(JOHN 10:10)

We will continue to

- wear masks as per the Department of Health face covering requirements;
- practise 1.5 metres physical distancing, where possible;
- adhere to the 2 square metre per adult;
- follow good hand and respiratory hygiene practices;
- undertake regular cleaning of our facilities; and
- implement our COVID-safe plans.

We continue to keep in our prayers our own community and others globally, who continue to experience extreme hardship and suffering in this time. We pray for our staff members and families who have loved ones overseas, or in another state, and cannot be with them. We continue to keep those affected by COVID in our prayers, as well as those working and caring alongside those who are ill.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J. Hornby'.

Julie Hornby

