



## COVID Safety Plan – The New COVID Normal (as of 26 January 2021)

All schools are required to have a COVID Safety Plan to ensure the safety of students, staff and wider school communities. Arcadia College has developed an extensive COVID-Operational Plan (available at student reception); however, the Government have outlined four simple rules that we must follow, which they have labelled the 'New COVID Normal.'

We have updated our plan in response to this and developed this two-page summary to inform staff, parents/caregivers and wider school community. Our full COVID Safety Plan is available on request at student admin. We have summarised the information you need to know below.

### The New COVID Normal – Our Four Rules

- Maintain social distancing (1.5 m)
- Wear a mask if not able to socially distance
- Maintain good hand hygiene
- Stay at home if unwell.

#### The 'New NORMAL'



Maintain physical distancing (1.5m)



Wear a mask when distancing is not possible (or required under Health Directions)



Maintain good hand hygiene



Stay at home when sick



Collection of contact details to allow for effective contact tracing



Rapidly responding to outbreaks



Travel restrictions from hot spots



COVID Safe Plan or Checklist in place

Maintaining social distancing is **not required** for students, staff members or university placement students working with students at the College. Parents/caregivers and volunteers working with our students or who come into the classroom and are unable to social distance, will be required to wear a mask.

## School Operations

All school operations are '*business as usual*,' with these four rules in place. Any restrictions that may apply, are detailed in the COVID-19 Operational Plan. This means:

- If your child is sick, it is critical that you do not send them to school
- Temperature checks on arrival will continue: If a child attends school unwell, you will be requested to collect them immediately
- Check-in is no longer required for our families should they be meeting with staff. Our parent database will now be used for contact tracing
- Visitors are still required to check-in for contact tracing. Visitor check-in stations are set up outside the student and corporate admin areas
- Pick-up and drop-off procedures return to normal, which means you can park and walk your child to class. We ask that you please maintain social distancing with those outside of your family unit
- School events will happen and be managed on a case-by-case basis to ensure we are compliant with social distancing requirements
- School office access is '*business as usual*,' including levy payments or other purchases
- If parents/caregivers are socialising at school, they must maintain a social distance of 1.5m. Where this is not possible, they are required to wear a mask.

On behalf of the College, thank you in advance for your support in keeping Arcadia College both safe and compliant during this time. We will keep you updated should the QLD government announce any changes to the new restrictions which may affect the College.

Kind regards,



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