



ST PIUS X COLLEGE
CHATSWOOD

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On Wednesday 23 February the NSW Premier and Minister for Education announced a range of amendments to school regulations regarding COVID-19.

COLLEGE PROTOCOLS AS AT MONDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2022

RAPID ANTIGEN HOME TEST KITS (RAHTs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NSW Government is providing a further 8 test kits per student and staff member. All students received 5 of these on Wednesday 23 February. Further distribution will be made when these are received. These are to be used at the discretion of parents and staff when they have COVID like symptoms. Positive cases must be registered on the Service NSW APP by parents. Parents must notify the school.
MASKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under new regulations it is no longer mandatory that masks be worn by Senior school students and staff. Junior School students are not required to wear masks. Junior School staff are required to wear masks for one more week but may lower their masks to improve communication. Students and staff may choose to wear a mask and this is totally acceptable. Masks must be worn on public transport.
POSITIVE CASES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isolate for 7 days Leave isolation after 7 days unless there are symptoms
CLOSE CONTACTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A close contact is now defined as a household member who lives with a person who has COVID-19. Only household members are required to isolate for 7 days. Exemption for school staff as essential workers and do not need to isolate if they are a household member and has tested negative.
COHORTING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cohorting of groups is no longer required. The Junior and Senior school will no longer have staggered lunch breaks. They will now be held at the same time.
QR CODES FOR SCHOOLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools are no longer mandated to use QR codes.
VISITORS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visitors are permitted regardless of vaccination status but must sign in at the College office and observe the school's COVID-19 safe protocols. Volunteers to assist in Canteen and Uniform Shop are permitted but they are still covered by the PHO and must meet double vaccination requirements. External providers permitted with a COVID safety plan.
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no restrictions on school activities, but schools must apply COVID safe protocols and a risk assessment. There are no density limits. Assemblies are permitted. Music and singing are permitted. No restrictions on instruments. There is no restriction on schools for camps and excursions but a COVID safe plan must be in place. Sport is permissible with COVID safe plans and protocols.
CLEANING AND VENTILATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day cleaner to continue daily cleaning of travel points, railings and toilets. Windows and doors to be opened. Ventilators in classrooms where necessary.
VACCINATION FOR SCHOOL STAFF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PHO is in place until 22 March 2022 and these mandate that all school staff (including volunteers) are double vaccinated or have a contraindication certificate.
VACCINATION FOR STUDENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccination for students has not been mandated. St Pius X College does not mandate this or keep a register of student vaccinations.

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