



MARIST COLLEGE NORTH SHORE

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The College is very much looking forward to welcoming all our boys back to school on Monday 1 June. As the College returns to full-time face-to-face teaching and learning, I must now outline the guidelines and procedures regarding attendance upon all boys returning on Monday 1 June. These requirements, as is always the case regarding attendance, are set by Government regulations and are in line with Sydney Catholic Schools policy.

Attendance Requirements from Week 6

All students are expected to attend school unless they are unwell.

If parents believe that their son has a condition which means it is not safe for him to return to school, they will need to obtain a medical certificate (unless the reason is already known to the College). These are likely to be boys who have suppressed immune systems or are undergoing treatment such as chemotherapy.

This means students are either:

- At school
- At home as they are currently unwell
- At home as they have a medical certificate stating they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition.

Students living with a family member in one of the vulnerable people categories as identified by the [Department of Health](#), should attend school unless a medical practitioner advises otherwise. The parent/carer should provide written confirmation from the treating physician that the student is unable to attend school.

If students are away from school as they are unwell, there is no expectation that they will complete school work. It is important that whilst unwell, students rest.

In the event of a student having a medical certificate to not attend school due to a long term illness or underlying health condition, as is current practice, Marist College will continue to provide work for those students, via Canvas, for the period of time in which they are prevented from being at school.

If a student is absent for more than three days without a medical certificate, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and followed up by the College, in line with normal guidelines and procedures.

If a student falls ill whilst at school, our current first aid procedures apply including contacting the student's parent/care or emergency contact, to collect their son.



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Canteen

The Canteen will begin operating a limited menu from Week 6. In order to ensure health and hygiene whilst lining up at the canteen, due to limited space, students will be assigned a group and a time in which they can access the canteen. This will be communicated to the boys on their Sentral Daily Notices, in Tutor Group and over the loudspeaker each day.

The canteen **will not be accepting cash** at this time, the \$4 limit has been removed on card purchases.

Please note that, until further notice, the canteen will not be open before school for breakfast.

Playground

Students in Years 7 & 8 will be taken to the park each recess and lunch. This will be announced each day over the loudspeaker so the boys remember to meet at the gate. In the event of rain, the boys will instead move to the Hall. Boys in other year groups are also able to attend the park should they wish to do so.

Compass Access

It is important that all parents have enabled their access to our new Student Information System - Compass. The upcoming reports and parent/teacher interview bookings will be accessed only through Compass. Absences can also be logged on the Compass App. The College will be moving away from parents/carers emailing and phoning in absences, so it is imperative all parents have access. If you have any questions or queries about your Compass access, please contact ict@maristns.catholic.edu.au.

This is an ever changing environment as you are aware, and there will probably be many unanswered questions that you have. The College will continue to update you as the Term progresses to any changes that concern our boys and families.

If you have any questions, please contact the College by email at reception@maristcollege.com or contact your son's House Coordinator.

Yours sincerely,

Brigid Taylor
Acting Principal