



Welcome back to

SCHOOL

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

On the 11th of January I sent a message to Parents and Guardians advising on changes for the commencement of the school year. Since then, we have had some new students enroll. I would like to welcome all our new students to Glendyne, and welcome back to all current students for 2022.

I must say, I am pleased to note the number of new students that have attend enrolment meetings wearing masks, and some who have taken advantage of the COVID-19 vaccination programs. It is a new era for education! Schools are busy places during this transition, as we apply the public health directives in our school community. It will become less busy, if we move with the changes, and focus on student education, futures, and opportunities.

Monday the 7th of February will be the first day for NEW STUDENTS ONLY. This will be an induction day, and lunch will be provided on the day.

Tuesday the 8th of February will be the commencement of the academic year for all students enrolled at Carinity Education Glendyne.

Queensland Health - COVID Mandates on Schools.

Attached to this newsletter are some documents that you need to be aware of. They are as follows.

Glendyne's COVID-19 safe plan

Preparing for and managing COVID-19 in schools and early childhood education and care (ECEC)

Queensland Department of Education back to school plan.

These documents are provided for your information as advice on how Carinity Education Glendyne will be responding to the COVID Management in schools. It is important to note, that some activities will be cancelled this term due to the 'Back to School Plan', such as, excursions, and camps.

I am aware that a few parents/community members are not happy with the directives, so below is some information from Associated Christian Schools (ACS) legal consultants, Corney and Lind Lawyers;

Some staff and students have raised concerns regarding the legitimacy of the Chief Health Officer's Public Health Directions, and suggested that schools should do more to contest the legitimacy of these Directions.

Regarding the Public Health Directions, they are made by the Chief Health Officer pursuant to Part 7A (Particular Powers for the Covid-19 Emergency) of the Public Health Act 2005.

A failure to comply with a Public Health Direction (without reasonable excuse) is an offence pursuant to section 362D of the Public Health Act 2005 (section 362D provides: A person to whom a public health direction applies must comply with the direction unless the person has a reasonable excuse. Maximum penalty—100 penalty units or 6 months imprisonment.)

The complete Public Health Directions can be found here: <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/system-governance/legislation/cho-public-health-directions-under-expanded-public-health-act-powers>.

It is not the place of the College to dispute the authority of the Chief Health Officer to make Public Health Directions. Our focus remains on the education of our students. If individuals have concerns regarding the nature and effect of a Public Health Direction, they should raise these concerns directly with Queensland Health.

With these comments in mind, it is important to understand that the public directive applies to everybody. This includes, schools, parents, carers or guardians, and students. So do the penalties.

Below are the expectations which will be in place to ensure that everyone follows the Queensland Health Directives.

Bus transport.

Our bus service will commence on Tuesday the 8th of February for students attending. However, the bus service COVID management will apply from commencement and continue until further notice. The following will be adhered to by all bus drivers/operators and students.

- Everyone must wear a mask for the entire trip on the bus. If a student doesn't have a mask, the driver will issue a student with a mask. **NOTE: students should provide their own mask each day.**

If a student refuses to wear the mask, they will be seated away from other students on the bus. At arrival at school, the student will be sent home immediately. Administration will contact the parent to pick up the student.

Face Masks.

Masks apply to students who are year 7 or 12 years of age and above. NOTE a student who is aged 11 in year 7 must wear a mask. Students do not have to wear a mask if they have an exemption from a doctor. Parents/Guardians MUST provide a signed letter from the doctor to advise this exemption to the school administration before the exemption can take effect.

Masks are to be worn where social distancing cannot be applied. This includes indoors and outdoors activities.

Other than medical exemptions, the only other exemptions that apply are if wearing a mask creates an unsafe workspace, such as a workshop activity. This will be at the teacher/ Trainer's discretion.

Penalties for not abiding by the Queensland Health Directive.

The penalties for not following the Queensland Health Directive/s are significant and can include fines and imprisonment for any public member including students. The Police and/or Non-State School's Accreditation Board can complete a random visit at any time to ensure compliance. This is already happening in some local businesses. We want to ensure we maintain an education opportunity for all students, so Glendyne will follow the directives.

Students who refuse to follow the directives as per the attached documents, will be given a warning, if there is still a refusal, they will be sent home. Repeat offences against the health directives will result in a formal warning, and possible cancelation of enrolment.

These consequences may seem extreme. However, so are the penalties for non-compliance to the directives. Carinity, the staff, and student community, are in no position to accept non-compliance risks and the penalties that follow.

Other COVID matters.

If your child is sick, keep them at home. We are already noting people who have become very unwell because of COVID, with 2 recent cases in the school community. If you suspect COVID symptoms, please have yourself and your child tested.

The school will provide student/s with a RATS test if they are sent home unwell from school.

Students will be reminded of the following on a regular basis. Please assist us by supporting these directions.

- Wear your masks indoors or where social distancing is not possible.
- Practice social distancing when outdoors.
- Maintain personal hygiene.

As the Premier has stated, we are in this together. Let's all do our part so that your child's education is not impacted negatively. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

New Staff.

I take this opportunity to introduce three new staff that have commenced at Glendyne this year. If you attend our 'Meet the Teacher/Trainer afternoon' on the 7/3/2022, you will meet them face-to-face.

Anthony (Ant) Brighton – Formerly from NSW and previously worked with a Registered Training Organisation in schools delivering Furniture Making and Construction courses. Anthony is a tradesman builder and had his own business prior to being an industry trainer. Anthony is our new Furnishing and Construction (new course) trainer.

Lisa Turner – Lisa also comes from NSW and was a teacher in her previous school. Lisa was formerly a lawyer prior to teaching, and has a background in sport, and outdoor activities. Lisa has a bronze medallion and has a long association with PCYC activities, and wellbeing activities in education. Lisa is our new Recreation Studies teacher and oversee the HPV program on Fridays.

Andrew Chapman – Andrew is a university graduate primary trained teacher. Andrew has spent the last 8 years working with local schools as a teacher aide and supported individual student learning programs in these schools. Andrew has qualifications in sport and fitness and will be joining Glendyne as our new middle school teacher.

Child Protection

As a reminder to all parents and students. Glendyne has child protection policy, procedures, and a child protection risk management strategy. These are available from the school administration during business hours or from our school website here <https://carinity.qld.edu.au/glendyne/our-school/about-us/policies-and-procedures/>

Dale Hansen – Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Event
7 Feb	New student induction, activities and lunch
8 Feb	All student commence
7 March	Meet the Teacher/Trainer Afternoon
8 March	MindFlight 7 Incursion Year 9
9 March	MindFlight 7 Incursion Year 10
10-11 March	Middle School Camp (Mon Repos)
11 March	World's Greatest Shave Day
15-16 March	Outdoor Rec Camp
17 March	Year 12 Leadership Day
24 March	Attendance Rewards
31 March	School Swimming Carnival

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Meet The Teacher / Trainer Afternoon

All parents and carers are invited to meet with your child's teacher or trainer for 2022.

Whilst teacher and trainers may be contacted by email or phone, this is an ideal opportunity for you to put a face to your child's teachers or trainers and ask any questions about their learning opportunities in 2022. Our aim is to work together with you to achieve the best outcomes for your child.

Due to COVID 19 changes the "*Meet the Teacher and Trainer*" afternoon has been reschedule to **Monday March 7**, between 2.00pm and 5.00pm.

No appointments are necessary, simply come along for a chat and enjoy some refreshments. The venues are as follows. Please ensure that you scan in on arrival and wear a mask if this mandate is still in place.

Middle School - GLA Room
Transition – Transition Room
Senior School – Library

School Swimming Carnival

Our school swimming carnival date has now been rescheduled to March 31. Only students who have signed up to participate in events will attend.

MindFlight incursions

Mindflight is a virtual reality experience centred on career inspiration. Year 9 and 10 students will be participating in this exciting opportunity on March 8 and 9.

New Senior School Subjects

This year we are excited to be offering our senior students a range of new learning opportunities as pathways towards their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). The new subjects on offer are a mix of Vocational Education courses and QCAA Applied subjects. These new curriculum offerings were researched and extensively planned to offer what we believe will best support your child's engagement in education and future employment opportunities.

The new QCAA Applied subjects are:

- Essential English
- Essential Mathematics
- Social and Community Studies
- Tourism

The new VET subjects are:

- Construction
- Aviation (Remote Pilot)

Personal Best Fridays

We will continue our highly successful student selected programs each Friday that provide both learning and mentoring opportunities within fun parameter's. After a free cooked breakfast, Year 10 to 12 students can select both morning and afternoon activities that include cooking, reading, HPV, Kayaking, Art and Gardening, Skateboarding, Gym and Fishing. Work experience opportunities are also available to students.

NCCD

As part of 2022 best practice requirements, Glendyne will be participating in the NCCD. The NCCD is an annual collection of information about Australian school students with disability who receive adjustments to enable them to access and participate in education on the same basis as other students.

The NCCD model provides a systematic process that enables schools across Australia to count, in a consistent manner, the number of students with disability receiving adjustments to access education.

The Disability Standards for Education (the Standards) require that all Australian schools:

- ensure that students with disability can access and participate in education on the same basis as students without disability
- make or provide 'reasonable adjustments' for students where necessary to enable their access and participation
- provide reasonable adjustments in consultation with the student and/or their associates; for most students, this means their parents, guardians, or carers.

Students can be either formally verified by a specialist or be imputed by school staff. Either process involves formal meetings to discuss with both students and parents the proposed adjustments that will be offered as part of their learning program. If contacted for a meeting please support us in this important process.

Brian Hawthorne - Deputy Principal