



START OF SCHOOL REMINDERS - (24 January to 7 February – 2022)

Dear Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back to another year. Whilst the current COVID 19 situation has provided a number of significant challenges, the school has taken all possible action to ensure the safety of both our students and staff. As you would be aware, the Premier announced on the weekend that the formal start of the Queensland academic school year will be delayed by two weeks, from 25 January (Monday 24 January is a pupil-free day) to 7 February for all TCS schools and kindergartens. The decision is based on health modelling showing the peak of the current Omicron wave will occur in Queensland in the last week of January and first week of February.

Please read the following information which will hopefully clarify any questions or queries you may have in regard to this matter.

- **COVID Restrictions and Guidelines**

For latest advice on COVID restrictions and guidelines, please access the following link.

Link - [Queensland Government website.](#)

- **Attendance/ Vaccination Status**

Students of all ages are still able to attend school regardless of their [vaccination status](#). We cannot stress this fact enough. ***St Patrick's School is open to all students regardless of their vaccination status.***

All staff, volunteers and contract workers who work at St Patrick's School are expected to be fully vaccinated.

Parents (carers) are welcome on the school grounds for drop offs, pick-ups and parent teacher meetings, and are not required to be fully vaccinated. ***All adults on site must wear a mask and register using the Check In Qld app.***

- **Vulnerable children and children of essential workers**

Students experiencing vulnerability (adequate supervision cannot be maintained at home) and those whose parents are essential workers will be able to attend school. Essential workers are those who must continue to attend their workplace. This includes but is not limited to doctors, nurses and other front-line medical staff, retail workers, haulage drivers, police officers, early childhood and school staff. St Patrick's will provide supervision for children of these workers if they attend school during the first two weeks of term.

If you intend to use the on-site supervision provided by St Patrick's School, please register your child's name and relevant days required using the following link.

Link - <https://forms.office.com/r/Fg7Y3ddEbu>

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- **St Patrick's School Allora school staff**

The staff professional development (PD) days in the week beginning 17 January will continue as scheduled, although some sessions will be moved to an online environment when it is possible. From 25 January until the 4 February, the school will ensure adequate supervision will be provided for the children of essential workers and those students who are deemed as vulnerable.

School staff will not be providing teaching activities during this time, nor are you expected to supervise remote learning for students who remain at home.

Calendar Dates – 24 January to 7 February, 2022.

Monday (24 January)

- **St Patrick's School will be closed.** Staff will be at school undertaking Professional Development.

Tuesday (25 January)

- St Patrick's will be open for only children of essential workers and vulnerable students.
- Please use the link to register your need to use this service.
Link - <https://forms.office.com/r/Fq7Y3ddEbu>

Wednesday (26 January)

- **St Patrick's School will be closed. (Australia Day Public Holiday)**

Thursday (27 January)

- St Patrick's will be open for only children of essential workers and vulnerable students.

Friday (28 January)

- St Patrick's will be open for only children of essential workers and vulnerable students.

Monday (31 January)

- St Patrick's will be open for only children of essential workers and vulnerable students.

Tuesday (1 February)

- St Patrick's will be open for only children of essential workers and vulnerable students.

Wednesday (2 February)

- St Patrick's will be open for only children of essential workers and vulnerable students.

Thursday (3 February)

- St Patrick's will be open for only children of essential workers and vulnerable students.
- **Book Drop-Off for all students from 9:00am until 3:00pm.** Staff will be available to answer any questions.
- **School Shop will be open from 9:00am until 3:00pm.**

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Friday (4 February)

- ***St Patrick's School will be closed. (Allora Show Public Holiday)***

Monday (7 February)

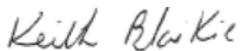
- Term 1 commences with an Assembly at 8:45am in the library followed by a parent Morning Tea and Information Session.
- New students and families will be acknowledged and welcomed to the St Patrick's School Community.

Please remember that the ***St Patrick's School Office will open officially on Wednesday 19 January.*** If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the school via email on allora@twb.catholic.edu.au.

We realise these latest developments may create challenges for many families. Please be assured these decisions have been taken as a necessary response to the evolving COVID-19 situation. St Patrick's School will continue to keep you updated as our response to the current wave of COVID-19 evolves.

Thank you for your understanding as we continue to work together during this difficult time.

Kindest regards



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Principal

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