



Merici College
Term 1: Week 1
Return to School Plan



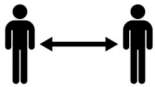
COVID Plan 2022

Masks



Masks will be required to be worn by students and staff indoors unless there is a medical exemption in place. Please note that there may be some students/staff members who have an exemption so please be mindful of this. In line with the most recent ACT Health guidelines, students will be permitted to remove masks while outside.

Social distancing



Students will be expected to socially distance throughout the day. This will include during lessons and time between.

Vaccination



It will not be compulsory for a student (or staff member) to have received one, two or three doses of any COVID-19 vaccine. There is no requirement for us to keep a record of students who have been vaccinated.

Rapid Antigen Test



8 Rapid Antigen Tests will be distributed to each student each when we return to school. These are expected to be used between weeks 1 & 4. It is suggested that they are used on Monday & Wednesday morning. We are not able to supply any students further RATs in the case of exhausting their supply. Families will need to source their own or undertake PCR tests.

Leaving school



Senior students cannot sign out during the day and then return.

Timetable



Timetable will be a regular 6 lesson day.

Remote learning



Remote learning may be used in the case of a school shutdown. There are no plans for prolonged remote learning.

Pastoral Care



Pastoral Care Classes will continue as normal in regular classrooms.

Canteen



The canteen will operate click and collect for Year 10, 11, 12 and staff. Years 7, 8 and 9 students will be able to be served over the counter but there will be strict protocols and lining up. Students will not be able to sit in the canteen at recess and lunch.

Recess, lunch, and free lessons



Students will be required to sit outside during recess and lunchtime, except for those who are in the IC.

Public Transport



Transport Canberra will continue. We will advise if there are changes communicated to us.



Unwell

If unwell, showing symptoms or have tested positive student must not come to school. In case of testing positive to COVID-19 families are considered close contacts and must isolate. Parents/Guardian are required to notify the school at covid@merici.act.edu.au. First-Aid can be provided in the case of injury but not for illness. Students will be required to go home if they become unwell at school.



Visitors

Visitors and parents may only attend on-site for scheduled meetings. We will also continue to be available to meet via phone or Teams.



Music Lessons

Music Lessons can occur at school.



Sport

Co-curricular team sports can continue to train.



Excursions

Excursions and Camps will not occur during Term 1, 2022 except for any that are directly related to curriculum.



Ventilation

Classrooms will be ventilated via open windows and doors throughout each lesson. Sanitiser will also be available in every classroom.



Merici iC

The Merici iC will return to regular hours for students to access during the day and after school.



Support

Please reach out to your House Coordinator if you have any queries about returning to school and/or need any further advice or support.